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A steelworker listening to strike leaders in Brandenburg state as East German workers began their walkout.

Germans Strike Amid Gloom Quiet Walkout as Economic Forecasts Worsen

By Brandon Mitchener

DRESDEN - About 200 workers at Sachsenwerk, a big Saxon maker of heavy industrial motors, began the early shift Monday with bratwurst, beer and a brass band, in a strike as ootable for its subdued mood as for its potentially crippling impact on Eastern Germany's foundering econo-

my.

There was little applause as union leaders arrived in the drab Dresden suburb at 6 A.M. to rally support for the strike, the first in Saxony in 65 years. And there was little first in Saxony in 65 years. And there was little change in the strikers' fatalistic mood once the union leaders left an bour later:

Two souls dwell in my heart," one striker said, quoting from Goethe's Faust to describe the delicate balance be-tween prostrike enthusiasm and anti-strike enxiety that is shared by many strikers, who fear losing jobs held for years, while little new livelihood is being created in the German

The Sachsenwerk strikers were among about 10,000 met-alworkers and 6,000 steelworkers who walked off their jobs Monday in Saxony and in Brandenburg state around Ber-lin. Officials said that as many as 38,000 workers could be on the picket lines Tuesday as the strike spreads to other

represents 300,000 workers in East Germany's electrical and metalworking industries, said that even if a resolution were reached in new talks Tuesday, the strike would last at "We will strike as long as is necessary and we will win."

Mr. Steinkühler said, adding, "It will end at the earliest next

Franz Steinklihler, head of the IG Metall union, which

Monday.

[Even as the strike began, Germany's widening recession forced the country's leading economic research facilities to slash growth forecasts for 1993 and to urge the Bundesbank to move faster on cutting interest rates, Reuters reported

[According to a copy of the institutes' spring report, gross domestic product in Germany is expected to decline by 1.5 percent this year, compared with a previous estimate of 1

percent growth.] There was no immediate estimate what economic consequences the strike might have for the region, which has only recently begun to show signs of growth after two years of industrial collapse following German unification.

But on Monday, the impact was already being felt at the Nationalist Group Urges companies whose doors have been shut, and in some cases even welded shut, by the strike. Nikolans Geigenberger, spokesman for Siemens AG in Leipzig, said the company's telephone switching equipment subsidiary there would lose 500,000 Deutsche marks (\$316,000) in sales a day as long as

Many of the companies affected by the initial wave of strikes are subsidiaries of big West German compa such as Siemens AG, Volkswagen AG and AEG AG. "They were careful in choosing which companies to strike," Mr. Geigenberger said.

At Sachsenwerk, Jürgen Schauer, a technical worker with. 17 years of experience at the company said, "I'm not happy we're striking, but it had to be."

Mr. Steinkühler of IG Metall and the head of the Saxony electrical engineering and metalworking employers associa-tion Monday evening asked Kurt Biedenkopf, the governor of the state, to assume the role of mediator in the conflict. The talks in the office of Mr. Biedenkopf could lay the groundwork for further wage oegotiations on Tuesday, officials for both sides said.

explained that since reconciliation talks could not begin before Tuesday morning an agreement was unthinkable before Tuesday night, and any compromise then has to be put to a vote of the workers already manning the picket lines. "You can't just call off such a strike," she said. "We're But Marks Dahne, the union's spokeswoman in Dresden

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Old Lie Trips Kohl's Challenger

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

BONN - Caught in a lie about an old scandal in which he had seemed to be the victim, the leader of Germany's Social Democratic Party resigned Monday, leaving the opposition to Chancellor Helimut Kohl without a candidate only a year before the next election.

Björn Engholm, 53, a pipe-smoking north German who had promised a gentler brand of politics and often had been suspected of oever really wanting to become chancellor, quit as the Social Democrats' leader and as governor of the state of Schleswig-Holstein.

His resignation means the party will have to spend the next few months trying to find a candidate to challenge Mr. Kohl — who, before this development, had never seemed

Germany is entering its most serious recession since the early 1970s, with East and West Germans squabbling over who should tighten their belts more to pay for unification and the government frequently seeming unable to decide what the country's international role should be.

Mr. Engholm announced that he was resigning because of a "mistake" — namely, not having told a state parliamentary committee the truth years ago regarding when he had learned that the staff of the former governor, Uwe sarschel, had been spreading false accusations about him during his 1987 election campaign.

The magazine Der Spiegel revealed the source of the falschoods just before the election, but Mr. Engholm's aides had known who was spreading the numors even before then and had told Mr. Engholm nearly a week before the

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Top East German Spy on Eve of Trial: 'I Did Not Betray My Country'

By Steve Vogel

BERLIN — Markus Wolf, the East German spymaster, says history, and oot the German courts, should judge his actions. Nonetheless, Mr. Wolf. 70, goes oo trial for treason Tuesday as a court case opens against a man many consider the Cold War's most accomplished spy.

The government says Mr. Wolf's actions as director of East Germany's intelligence agency for 33 years beginning in 1954 amounted to treason against West Germany.

In an interview here on Monday with a group of foreign correspondents, Mr. Wolf asserted that his trial was a

political show, and added that his actions had mirrored

Mr. Wolf acknowledged that his spy apparatus had been "part of an oppressive state system, which you can't separate

But, comparing himself to Mikhail S. Gorbachev and other former Soviet leaders, he said that Western courts should oot sit in judgment of the actions of what were then

those of Western intelligence agencies.

Mr. Wolf said, "I'm accused of treason, but I did not betray my country, East Germany, and I have only been a citizen of the Federal Republic of Germany since Oct. 3, 1990." That was the date of German unification.

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Mr. Wolf said, "I'm accused of treason, but I did not betray my country, East Germany, and I have only been a citizen of the Federal Republic of Germany since Oct. 3, "Naturally, I do see this trial as a political trial." Mr. Wolf saidvantage" and charges that he passed on state said, adding that be was being prosecuted because he is a secret to the Soviet KGB, resulting in "danger to external "symbol" of the former Communist regime. secrets to the Soviet KGB, resulting in "danger to external

Critics of the case say Mr. Wolf's main mistake was to be on the side that lost the Cold War.

"In a legal sense at least, intelligence services in the East and West have done the same thing," Mr. Wolf said.
What is undisputed is the success Mr. Wolf had as head of

Germany's constitutional court has a pending case con-

There has been uneasiness in Bonn over what disclosures

Mr. Wolf might make that could prove embarrassing to the government, and he said that the trial could include "some surprises from me and my attorney."

He returned voluntarily to Germany in 1991 after a one-What is undisputed is the success Mr. Wolf had as head of East Germany's spy agency for a third of a century. His indictment, living in Berlin.

Bosnia Plan Opens a Split **Among Serb** Leadership

Keeping Land, Accusing Milosevic of a Sellout

By David B. Ottaway

Washington Post Service Washington Past Service

BELGRADE —A bitter split appeared to be developing in the Serbian leadership Monday over the United Nations peace plan for Bosnia, after the head of the country's hard-line nationalist party questioned President Slobodan Milosevic's patriotism for accepting the plan and urged Bosnian Serbs to stand firm in their

Speaking to a gathering of his supporters in Montenegro, the Serbian Radical Party leader, Vojislav Seselj, warned of a "betrayal within the ranks" by those advocating support of the

"Unfortunately, among those who were beating their chests as patriots earlier, there are quite a few who are ready to bend down now." he said Sunday night. "Those who in the preelection campaign shouted out, 'Serbia will not bend!' are now ready to go down on their

Mr. Seselj, whose party is the second largest in Serbia's parliament, with 73 seats, did not mention Mr. Milosevic by name. But his refer-ence to slogans used by Mr. Milosevic's Serbian Socialist Party in December's elections made it clear whom he was attacking.

His remarks went unreported by the staterun television but were published Monday in the Belgrade newspaper Politika. They came as the Bosnian Serbs' self-proclaimed parliament prepared to meet again Wednesday to reconsider its unanimous rejection on April 26 of the UN-backed peace plan.

Mr. Seselj urged the parliament to resist the pressures, "even though they come from Beigrade," to accept the plan and to insist on keeping the 70 percent of Bosnia that Serbian

The plan would require the Serbs to give up about 30 percent of what they have conquered in the 13-month-old war over Bosnia's attempt to secode from Yngoslavia, which now consists mainly of Serbia and Montenegro. It would also shrink Bosnian Serb control to just three of the 10-ethnically based semiautonomous prov-inces into which Bosnia would be divided among its Serb. Muslim and Croat "constituent

In his rejection of the UN plan, Mr. Seselj clearly has the support of Bosnian Serb hardliners such as the parliament's vice president, Biljana Plavsic, and the republic's prime minis-ter, Vladimir Lukic. Mr. Lukic was quoted in Politika as predicting that the parliament would refuse to endorse the plan unless there

Under threat of U.S. intervention in the Bosnian conflict and ever-tightening UN sanotions, President Milosevic has suddenly decided to support the peace plan. He put pressure on the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, to

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Allies Will Keep Pressing Serbs, Clinton Says

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON - The United States and its NATO allies have agreed to maintain politi-cal pressure against Serbian forces in Bosnia to reach a genuine peace in the Balkans, Presider Bill Clinton said Monday.

After speaking over the weekend with severa European leaders and the Canadian prime min ister, Mr. Clinton said that the allies wanted to tinue in a unified fashion to press the Serb

to end the fighting.
But he provided no details on whether U.S. allies were prepared to support air strikes in Bosnia if a United Nations-brokered peace plan collapsed. Mr. Clinton now supports ai strikes, according to an influential senator wh has spoken with him about the issue.

Mr. Clinton said of his telephone conversa tions with the leaders of Britain, Canada France, Germany, Italy and Russia, "We have agreed that we're going to keep the pressure up have a united front, and move forward, and

we're developing our policy now."

He said he hoped that the Serbian assem neeting on Wednesday, would ratify the Ul peace plan that was signed on Sunday by Rado van Karadzic, the Bosnian Serbian leader. Bu the president made it clear that ratification alone would not prevent a U.S. and European military response to the fighting in Bosnia.

"I want to evaluate them by their actions Mr. Clinton said. "We'll see what they do. We'l just have to measure it as we go along."

If a new cease-fire holds and Serbian force

follow the terms of the UN peace plan outline by Lord Owen and Cyrus R. Vance, the Unite States is prepared to participate militarily in peacekeeping force with its North Atlanti Treaty Organization allies. Although the Whit House has not said what form that particip tion would take, there is widespread expect tion that about 20,000 U.S. ground forces cou be involved.

The White House press secretary, Dee De Myers, said consultations on such a force an how it would be commanded under UN auspies were under way at NATO headquarters

Mr. Clinton said that his goal was to pres the Serbian leadership with a unified resolve I the United States and Europe to take stron action to end the Bosnian war. Without provi ing details, he said that Secretary of State Wa ren M. Christopher had held "very good" me ings so far in Europe.

Later, George Stephanopoulos, the Whi See ALLIES, Page 2

First April Report Shows Trouble for U.S. Economy

By Lawrence Malkin

International Herald Tribune
NEW YORK — In the first snapshot of the U.S. economy for April, American purchasing managers reported Monday that manufacturing growth came to a halt last month for the first time since last autumn's revival.

The report confirmed fears the sharp slowdown to 1.8 percent economic growth during the first quarter was not just an aberration caused by March storms. On the contrary, the aberration seemed to have occurred in the final quarter of last year, when the economy grew at an unsustainable rate of almost 5 percent. Economists are predicting growth for the rest

of 1993 will average below 3 percent, perhaps only 2.5 percent — hardly enough to produce new jobs for the United States or to serve as a locomotive for the slumping world economy.

The National Association of Purchasing agement, in its monthly survey of more

than 300 companies, said its index of activity slid to 49.7 in April from 53.4 in March, crossing just below the 50 level that separates expansion from decline. It was the first drop below 50 since the revival of last September.
"New orders collapsed, and the manufactur-

ing sector was anable to maintain growth," said Robert J. Bretz, who compiled the survey.

"There was no shortage of reasons for the decline, which included a reduction in export orders from Europe and Japan, poor weather in March, strength in the yen, and uncertainty about pending increased taxes and fiscal policies. Whatever the reasons, new orders must return to higher growth levels in order to escape the current economic malaise."

Companies reporting an increase in new orders last month dropped to 51.1 percent, down from 58 in March and a high of 67.2 in January. Production grew at the slowest pace since De-cember 1991, backlogs increased, and new ex-port orders expanded in April after declining in March for the first time since the survey began measuring them in 1988. Manufacturing employment declined from an already anemic 46.9

to 44.4, the lowest since March 1992. in a separate government report on construction, spending declined 0.8 percent in March, but this was more heavily influenced by bad weather than other indexes. February spending was revised sharply upward by 1.2 percent from

the earlier report of plus 0.1 percent. The news prevented a rise in the dollar, which might have benefited from demands in Germa-

ny for an interest rate reduction. The dollar

on official, within hours of their escape.

The three prisoners, and possibly more, escaped from the St. Gilles prison during a

riot. Among the escapees are Basri Bajrami

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3 Inmates Escape From Belgian Jail released all of them, including a senior pris-

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - Three immates, including two charged in the 1989 kidnapping of former Prime Minister Paul Vanden Bocynants, escaped during a prison riot in Brussels on Monday.

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The Belgian state prosecutor said that the prisoners had taken four hostages but had the kidnapping of Mr. Vanden Bocynants. General News

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Muslims peering out of a UN truck evacuating them from the area near the Serbian stronghold of Banja Luka in Bosnia. Some 230 people, driven from their homes by Serbs, were moved across front lines to safety in the Muslim- and Croat-controlled town of Travnik.

Japan's Endangered Species Spouts Off

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO - As he surveyed his restaurant one recent preholiday evening, Kiyoo Tanahashi was proud that almost all the wooden chairs and tatami mats were occupied by office workers or college students eating the house specialties — whale steak, whale bacon, fried whale, smoked whale, raw whale and whale soup containing slivers of whale tonene.

But Mr. Tanahashi, who dishes out the equivalent of two whales a year, turns sour when he thinks of the ban on commercial whaling that is making restaurants like his Kujiraya, which means whale store, an endangered species. "I am rather angry that outside countries would tell us what food we should or should oot eat," he said.

The freedom to eat what one chooses has become a rallying cry among whaling supporters on the eve of a meeting of the International Whaling Commission, the 39-nation regulating group. The annual meeting, which will be held in Kyoto from May 10 to 14, comes when the moratorium on commercial whaling that has been

in effect since 1986 shows signs of cracking.

Iceland has withdrawn from the commission, though it has not started whaling, and Norway announced last year that it would resume whaling, although it will remain a member of the commission.

Now Japan, with the meeting on its home turf, will push — against long odds — to have the ban lifted.

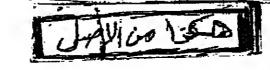
Japan and Norway argue that the moratorium, initially put in place to revive stocks that had been depleted by decades of excessive whaling is oo longer needed for certain types of whales. The whaling commission's scientific committee has estimated that there are 760,000 minkes, a relatively small whale, in the Southern Hemisphere. Japan says that catching 2,000 a year would have no effect on the

Those opposed to whaling say that whales in general are still in such a precarious state that even minke whales should continue to be

But oow the issue is becoming whether whales, which many people consider majestic creatures with high intelligence, should be hunted at all, even if their oumbers permit,

Some countries, including Australia and New Zealand, already have said whaling should never resume. The United States also is strongly in the anti-whaling camp. France has proposed that the entire Antarctic region south of 40 degrees lantude be made into a whale sanctuary. The idea, supported by the United States, will be a

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ALLIES: Pressure on Serbs

(Continued from page 1) House communications director, said the administration believed Mr. Christopher was "making progress on a common position" in his "The United States has tried towork with our allies," the president said. "in an attempt to get the parties together so that we can present a united from, and so that we can keep the pressure up to end the killing, but also to stop the prospect of a much wider war which would cause much more trouble. much more instability." According to officials who have spoken to the president, Mr. Clinton is prepared to approve limited air strikes at military targets in Boso small mia and end the arms embargo in Berrane the Baikans so that Muslim lighters

the Balkans so that Muslim lighters can better defend themselves. He has ruled out sending ground troops to end the fighting.

The president said Monday that any final decision on the use of force would be made after talking with members of Congress and "directly to the American people." To our readers in France It's never been easier to subscribe and save with our new tall free Just call us today at 05-437-437

Eases the Pressure By R. W. Apple Jr. New York Times Service

As Deal on Bosnia

WASHINGTON - At least for the moment, and just possibly for a lot longer, the decision by the leader of the Bosnian Serbs to accept a peace pact relieves the pressure on President Bill Clinton to do something immediately to end the slaughter in the Balkans.

It also eases the danger that Mr. Clinton's action might misfire and **NEWS ANALYSIS**

undermine his already shaky political position at home.

But peace is not a done deal. And because it believes that the threat of military action by the West, along with pressure from Moscow, produced Sunday's potential break-through, the administration vows to continue its preparations for intervention.

If the saber-ratting in Washington helped to convince Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serbian leader, then it seemed good sense to keep up the rattling in the hope that it would bring around the recalcitrant Bosnian Serbian parliament. which rejected the proposal a week

ago.
Still, beneath the expressions of skepticism, there was more than a little private satisfaction.

A senior official, whose views had been shaped by years of service Serbs, such as significant troop in Vietnam, described himself Friday night as being "full of forebod-

The decision in principle to intervene, made during a four-hour White House meeting on Saturday, left another leading presidential adviser feeling that "the president had started down a very fateful

But the news Sunday lifted that sense of impending darkness. The administration believes that its more aggressive policy in the

Balkans has won a tentative vindi-At the same time, Washington knows it has gone too far down the path of involvement to back off until the "ethnic cleansing" has

For that, even if the fighting stops, a commitment of upward of 20,000 U.S. ground troops may be necessary.

ended and some order has re-

They would be part of a United Nations force with orders to shoot at the first sign of fighting.
While there are political perils

for Mr. Clinton in any such deployment, a peacekeeping mission would probably be much more popular with the electorate than intervention in a European war on one side, which could yet come to pass if Sunday's agreement is not quickly translated into reality.

Polls show that only about a third of Americans support direct military action. Even if the Bosnian Serbian par-

liament signs on. Mr. Clinton intends to be guided by what hap-pens on the battlefield. Will the Serbian artillery stop firing? Will there be other signs of a changed outlook on the part of the

Still, the prospect of wider war has receded, if only lor a few days.



Mourners offering flowers Monday at the Paris hospital where the body of former Prime Minister Pierre Bérégovoy lay in state.

Recrimination Over Bérégovoy Strains France

PARIS - Politicians and journalists traded bitter accusations on Monday over the suicide of former Prime Minister Pierre Bérégovoy as hundreds of friends and admirers paid their last respects.

Politicians said Mr. Bérégovoy, 67, a life-long Socialist, had been hounded to death by press reports casting doubts on his honesty over an interest-free loan he received in 1986 from a businessman friend who was later

indicted for insider trading. "By denigrating him they killed him, they pushed him to this desperate act," his brother Michel said in a radio interview.

A centrist desense minister, François Léotard, himself a recent target of corruption allegations and press criticism, said the media had "murdered" Mr. Beregovoy.

"Pierre Beregovoy was the first victim of a new culture," Mr. Léotard wrote in Le Monde. "In his way he heralds a future holocause not that of hatred but that more

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they are less worried about preserv-

Local linguists say that Pro-

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refined and more modest, of mockery." The conservative daily Le Figaro, one of

Mr. Bérégovoy's toughest critics while he was in power, brushed aside suggestions of media excesses, saying: "This is not the first time the press has been used as a scapegoat."

Mr. Bérégovoy shot himself in the head in Nevers, the central town where he was mayor, on Saturday night, one month after his government suffered a humiliating election rout. He died on his way to a hospital in Paris.

French Say 'Oc' to Regional Languages

By Marlise Simons

New York Times Service NIMES. France — In a class-room in the heart of Provence, a teacher and her 8-year-old pupils are working against 400 years of history: instead of learning to read and write in French, the children are being taught in their native Provencal, a language first carried across Europe by the troubadours of the Middle Ages.

For "yes." the class writes "cc." Not "out." That exercise would have been enough to annoy champions of French unity from Louis XIV to Napoleon to de Gaulle. But in the foothills of the Pyrenees, a stateowned radio station is broadcasting children's stories in Basque, and people in Brittany are working

on dictionaries and plays in Breton. a Celuc language. For more than four centuries, the powers in Paris have disdained provincial tongues as vulgar and backward and fought to impose a standardized French on the rest of the

While few West European countries have France's linguistic diversity - eight distinct languages and more than a dozen dialects - few states have also so systematically repressed regional speech in the name of national unity.

But with English galloping ecross the Continent and a uniting Europe trying to brush away boundaries, the government has concluded that France's regional anguages enrich the national heritage rather than pose a threat to the country's identity. Now it wants to ensure that they survive.

All over Western Europe, minority languages are getting a new lease on life as regions take steps to

preserve their traditions for fear of center for Frisian in the Nether- gether in 1886. Most of the regional being swallowed up in a large, federal Europe.

"People are turning to conserva-tion." said Diarmaid Breathnach, deputy director of the Dublinbased European Bureau for Lesser-Used Languages, "We see more people caring for nature and caring member states of the Council of

As the 12-nation superstate en-

visaged by the EC takes shape and prepares to accept new member countries, regionalism has become more than a grass-roots movement. Last November, 11 of the 26

'I think we have given up the idea of a common culture we had for many years."

Ferdinando Albanese

People feel they are losing an inher-ent part of the Europe they know." Under an ambitious plan announced in January, the French of indigenous lang government has told state schools and in public life. and teachers in regions with indige-nous tongues to start preparing for told local governments to set up councils to promote regional lan-

guage and culture through publicaions, theater, music and film. In a country that historically stands out among its neighbors for its impatience with minority cultures, the government's turnabout strikes many as remarkable. But in its new-found enthusiasm for the local and the colloquial, France is

The Western European language bureau, created in 1982 by the European Community, says the num-ber of requests for financing is soaring. Drawing on a \$4.2 million annual budget, it is linancing the development of computer software in the Gaelic of Ireland, sponsoring courses in Friulian in northern Italy and supporting an information

for local cultures and languages. Europe, an organization that promotes democracy and human rights, signed a charter in which they pledged to encourage the use of indigenous languages in schools

The charter does not apply to languages brought to the continent hilingual education. Fulfilling a by African or Arab immigrants. promise made 10 years ago, it also France and Britain have refused to sign the charter, in part because it guag also calls for promoting the use of gins. regional languages in civil adminisvençal appears in manuscripts as "I think we have given up the early as the 11th century, and that

idea of a common European culture we had for many years," said Ferdinando Albanese, one of the Europe.
With few people left who can write the language, private groups formed an association 10 years ago charter's authors. "People now believe the diversity is part of our wealth, that we can have common goals and still be different." In France, the highly centralized to rescue it. The association now operates 17 private, hilingual

state has struggled since the early 16th century to impose the language of the north-central region, which became known as French, on the rest of the nation.

After the Revolution, the state suppressed regional languages in ed to follow. the name of egalitarianism, and it banished them from schools alto-

Andreotti Moves to languages have been withering. Linguists worry that it may be too late to save Corsican, Breton, Basque and Provençal. Out of 2.8 Face Trial too late to save Corsican, Breton, million people in Brittany, only 50,000 or so use Breton daily and only half of them can write it, ac-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ing the German spoken in Alsace. the Flemish around Dunkirk or the Catalan of the south because each language is widely used just across Use of Provençal has been fad-

ing rapidly. In a region of 15 mil-The move was apparently an efin people across the southern tier of France, only 3 million are be-lieved to speak at least some Occithat threatened to sink the new government. tan, as specialists prefer to call it. "I do not wish my case to exacer-Occitan is a family of at least six

dialects, of which Provençal is one, bate an already very delicate situa-It sprouted from the vernacular tion," said Mr. Andreotti, 74. "I am Latin, like other Romance Ian-convinced the accusations against guages, but stayed closer to its ori- me are totally false. I hope only that the courts want to ascertain

Four ministers quit Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi's government within hours of its formation on Thursday after Parliament blocked a corruption inquiry into another former prime minister, Bettino Craxi, a Socialist.

Mr. Andreotti, a Christian Democrat who has served as prime minister seven times, the Ciampi government could risk collapse. "A repetition of what happened

schools in the region, four of which opened just this year. Bilingual della Sera said Monday.

ziers, children begin at age 3 with a teacher who speaks solely in Prodemned as an example of the corvençal, even if they do not yet speak the language. By the time ruption that prompted voters in a referendum last month to overthey are 8, instruction will be in official. Philippe Hamel, "we intro-duce a little Italian, Spanish and protest, while four ministers Green party environmentalist Portuguese, just enough to open the door, to demystify these lan-Claude Hagege, one of France's most prominent linguists, said re-

Because of the reaction, Italian news organizations speculated that the Senate could not vote to retain Mr. Andreotti's immunity.

languages and traditions because they were in danger of being forthey were in danger of being for-gotten and because the "American-Mr. Andreotti's immunity be lifted, ization" of Europe had to be con- and the full Senate was expected to

teaching children a minority lan-guage is a waste of time, he replies: Communists back into his governresignations.

Over Mafia

ROME - Former Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, who is facing accusations of having associated with the Mafia, said Monday that he favored the lifting of his parliamentary immunity so that he could

fort to defuse an explosive issue

If Parliament also tried to shield

in Parliament would surely signify

teaching has already begun in state schools in Corsica, and public the end of the Ciampi govern-ment," the Milan daily Corriere The Craxi case was widely con-

> whelmingly demand changes in the electoral system. Thousands of Italians poured onto the streets in three former Communists and a withdrew from Italy's broadest postwar coalition in protest just hours after they had been sworn in.

vote Thursday on whether to do so. On Monday, Mr. Ciampi was To those who contend that

Someone who learns two or more ment. Political analysts said Mr. languages very early will find it all Andreotti's move should smooth the easier to tearn a third or fourth, the prime minister's attempts to And in Europe we will go on living coax the four to withdraw their (Reuters, AP)

WORLD BRIEFS

U.S. Spells Out Latin America Goals

WASHINGTON (Renters) — Deputy Secretary of State Chiten I Wharton Jr. said Monday that President Bill Clinton would make him rights the core of his foreign policy and use U.S. aid and influence for

for democracy and human rights in Latin America.

In the administration's first major speech on Latin America. Wharton said Mr. Chinton would shum attempts at violence to bin about change in Cuba and believed that the free-trade pact with Mer. would go into effect next year. The United States also will help in neighbors fight corruption, which, he said, would destroy democracy left unchecked.

"Our marching orders from the president are to engage with Iain America and the Caribbean to strengthen democracy and expand pro-perity," he said at the State Department. The statement echoed mena heard often during the administration of President Jimmy Carter

16 Are Killed in Hindu-Muslim Riots GUWAHATI, India (Reuters) - At least 16 people were killed and

about 40 wounded Monday in widespread Hindu-Muslim rioting in the northeastern Indian state of Manipur, the police said. A police spokesman said scores of Hindus attacked the Muslim ville of Leclong on Monday, stabbing residents and setting fire to houses. A least seven people were killed and more than 50 houses were burned in the

In other attacks, four Muslim students and a Muslim employee d Manipur University in Imphal, the state capital, were burned alive the police said. Four other people were stabbed and killed in street classes

Yeltsin Backs Police in Street Fight

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris N. Yeltsin said Monday that the police acted legally when they blocked a May Day march that turned into Moscow's most violent confrontation since the 1991 coup.

But a hard-line leader, blaming the government for the violence, said

protesters would march again Sunday, this time to the city center "no matter what." The government has not said whether it will block the

The struggle Saturday erupted during a march by Russian nationalism and pro-Communists. When the police blocked marchers from leaving their authorized route, protesters hurled bricks, sticks and flag poles and police fought back with truncheons, shields and water cannon. The Interior Ministry said 205 police, including 181 special riot troops, were injured, with 27 hospitalized, the Interfax news agency said.

U.S.-North Korea Talks in Beijing

SEOUL (Combined Dispatches) - The United States and North Korea are to hold counselor-level talks this week in Beijing to discuss Pyongyang's withdrawal from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and eventual higher-level negotiations, according to South Korean news reports Monday.

An unidentified diplomatic source in Seoul was quoted by the daily

Chosun Ilbo as saying that the meeting would focus on North Korea's withdrawal from the treaty and future U.S.-North Korean contacts. KBS Radio quoted a Foreign Ministry source as saying that the talks would precede an expected United Nations Security Council resolution urging

North Korea to return to the treaty's inspection regime.

The South Korean Foreign Ministry said the Chinese foreign minister,
Qian Qichen, would visit Seoul this month to try to settle the crisis over
North Korea's refusal to abide by the pact.

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Group Claims 5 South Africa Killings JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — A man saying he represented the Azanian National Liberation Acmy told the South African Press Associa-

tion on Monday that he had coordinated the attack on an Eastern Cape hotel in which five whites were killed Saturday night.

The man warned that there would be more attacks by the group, the military wing of the Zimbabwe-based Black Consciousness Movement of Azania. He told the agency the attack at the Highgate hotel on the outskirts of East London was carried out by three guernillas, while a fourth person waited in a getaway car. But a military analyst, Jakkie Cilliers, said the claim of responsibility should be treated with caution. "I would tend towards the view that this

action was carried out by highly politicized, disillusioned youth, not by

people acting on the orders of any centralized command," he said.

France Reviews Tainted-Blood Case PARIS (Reuters) - Four former French health officials stood before an appeals court on Monday as demonstrators outside clamored for senior politicians to go on trial in a scandal over transfusions of AIDStainted blood.

tainted blood and the relatives of some 300 hemophiliaes who died, will consider if the four officials should be retried. Three of the officials were convicted in October of distributing contaminated blood products. The fourth is serving a jail term for criminal fraud and negligence. Lawyers of the victims want the four defendants sent to a higher criminal court on charges of poisoning. That charge was rejected in the first trial on the grounds that the accused had no intention to kill.

Outside, protesters demanded that former Prime Minister Laurent Fabius, former Health Minister Edmond Hervé and former Social Affairs Minister Georgina Dufoix also be put on trial.

Wellington Warns Paris on N-Tests

WELLINGTON (Reuters) - Prime Minister Jim Bolger, concerned that France may restart its nuclear testing program in the Pacific, said Monday that Paris could not justify such a move now that the Cold War is over and the nuclear powers are trying to cut weapons stockpiles.

"I cannot see that there is any justification for restarting testing in our backyard — the Pacific," Mr. Bolger said at a weekly press conference. He said he wanted to "make it crystal-clear" that New Zealand would

oppose the resumption of tests. The French government is reported to be considering a lifting of its self-imposed moratorium on nuclear tests at the Mururoa atoll. 1,200 kilometers (750 miles) southeast of Tahiti.

Corrections

A photo caption in Monday's editions incorrectly stated that the astronaut Ellen Ochoa was shown playing her flute on the current U.S. shuttle mission. The photograph was taken on April 17, on the previous

An article in the editions of April 10 incorrectly stated the percentage of Russians in Lithuania. Russians make up about 2.9 percent of the Lithuanian population.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Public transport was severely disrupted in Bucharest on Monday when subway workers staged the first of daily 12-hour walkouts to back their demand for higher pay. The workers' union said the strikes would continue until the demand was met. (Reuers)

Emu cooked in garisc and ginger will be added to the ment on Australia's Qantas Airways, an airline spokesman said Monday. The spokesman said emu was selected because its cholesterol level was 20 times lower than that of beef. (Reuters)

Julio Gallo, 82, Vintner, Dies in U.S. Car Crash

Mr. Gallo's wife, Aileen, and two granddaughters were in the vehicle with Mr. Gallo, the longtime president of the winery. The vehicle, a Jeep, plunged 35 feet (10 meters) down an embankment and into a

were taken to a hospital in Castro

Valley, where Mrs. Gallo was listed

ic serious condition with a frac-

tured sternum and ribs, and Gina

Gallo in fair condition with frac-

Mr. Gallo and his brother Ernest his elder by one year and the died Sunday. chairman of the privately held winery based in Modesto, California
— each amassed personal assets of
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a hospital on Wednesday com-

nct worth was estimated to be \$1.2 With revenues of about SI billion a year, the winery is one of the biggest in the world. It sells about 150 million gallons (570 million liters) of wine a year and claims

roughly 26 percent of the U.S. wine

tured ribs. The other granddaugh-ter, Amie Gallo, 22, was not hospi-talized. lenged, confounded, befuddled and thus became beloved by thousands of readers as editor of The New York Times crossword puzzles,

He had been suffering from throat cancer and was admitted to \$300 million, by some estimates. In the early 1980s, the Gallo family's

Mr. Weng became The Time

Mr. Weng became The Times' second crossword editor, in 1968, when he succeeded Margaret Farrar. He held the job until 1978, when he was succeeded by Eugene T. Maleska

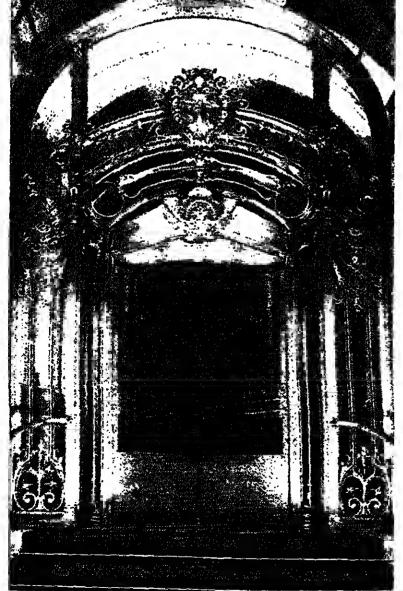
Mr. Weng, who had worked as a copy editor and as chief of the metropolitan news copy desk before moving to puzzles, liked to say that one of the reasons he enjoyed editing the word game so much was that he knew that in his era, nobody in top management of the newspa-

down editors in the normal review of the paper's content.

Valentina S. Grizoduhova, 83, World War II air commander and pioneer aviator who was known as the Soviet Union's Amelia Earhart, died Wednesday in Russia. The Itar-Tass press agency said she had had a stomach ulcer.

Warren P. Knowles, 84, a Republican governor of Wisconsin who in 1969 called out National Guard troops to curb campus protests. died of a heart attack Saturday in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Cy Howard, 77, a comedy writer,

director and producer best remem-bered for his 1940s radio shows, "My Friend Irma" and "Life With Luigi," died of heart failure Thurs-Weng, 86, who for 10 years chal-



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Julio Gallo. 82, who helped to ter, Amie Gallo, 22, was not hospi-

build the immense E. & J. Gallo Winery and whose wine marketing helped change Americans' drinking tastes, was killed Sunday when a vehicle he was driving hurded off a road on the family ranch near Tracy. California,

pond, a fire department official Mrs. Gallo, 80, and Gina Gallo, 26, were injured in the crash and

Will Weng, 86, Ex-Editor Of N.Y. Times Crossword NEW YORK (NYT) - WILL

Cult Leader

Was Killed

By Gunshot

To the Head

By Sue Anne Pressley

Washington Post Service

the cult leader who held law en-forcement officials at bay for 51

days and led dozens of followers to

a fiery death, died in his Branch

Davidian compound of a single

gunshot wound to the head, ac-

The announcement, hy the

McLennan County justice of the peace, James Collier, ended days of

speculation about Mr. Koresh's

fate in the April 19 fire that leveled

the cult's compound. There had

been rumors that he might have

escaped through a series of under-

But Mr. Collier said Mr. Kor-

esh's body was one of the first re-

covered from the ruins three days

after the fire. He said the cult lead-

er's remains were found in a com-

munications room next to the

kitchen serving area, near several other bodies. That was the room from which Mr. Koresh, 33, and his

top aides had spoken by telephone

with FBI negotiators throughout

the seven-week siege.
The Tarrant County medical ex-

aminer, Nizam Peerwami, officially

confirmed Mr. Koresh's identity on

Sunday, Mr. Collier said, using

dental records and body X-rays.

The X-rays also revealed a gunshot wound in the hand that Mr. Koresh

said he had received in the Feb. 28

which marked the beginning of the

Mr. Collier said that Mr. Koresh

inflicted or what type of firearm

The confirmation of Mr. Kor-

esh's death cleared up one of the

week, arson investigators ruled that

the fire at the compound had beer

set by cult members. Some of the

bave insisted, however, that the fire

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WACO, Texas - David Koresh,

What's Firing Up Nunn? Conscience and Clinton

By David Von Drehle and Helen Dewar Washington Post Service

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WASHINGTON - High on the list of Washington mysteries these days is Sam Numn: What makes him tick? More specifically, why is this powerful

Georgia senator, one of America's leading Democrats, so frequently at odds with his party's new president? Everyone has a theory but no one knows

for sure. Is it a sense of duty? Mere politics? Philosophical conflict? Thwarted am-

The deeper the riddle, the more people it

"There's just no end to psychoanalyzing Nunn," the senator himself observed recently. He knows everyone is talking about him. I feel like I ought to lie down on the couch here."

The analysis is sure to intensify now that Mr. Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has resumed his hearings on the subject of homosexuals serving openly in the military. This is pure, high-profile confrontation: President Bill Chatton is for: Senator Nunn is against. And the homosexual issue is just the

latest place that the line is drawn. Mr. Nunn has been issuing loud and very public warnings about Mr. Clinton's plans to finance domestic spending through military cuts, and he broke party

ranks in an effort to hold the president to the Nunn-Clinton question has gone from the political center, Mr. Nunn is a leader the military budget he campaigned on.

Mr. Nunn also proposed limits on entitlement spending, throwing the White House into a scramble to block him. At one point in the long battle over Mr. Clinton's stimulus bill, the senator voted with Republicans to reduce the proposal.

"At a time when Democrats say, We. have a new president, let's support him, Nunn looks for ways to undercut him, said Representative Barney Frank, Democrat of Massachusetts, who strongly supports the president on homosexuals in the armed services and other issues.

Democrats in the House have been baffled by the senator's contrariness, Mr. Frank said, and feel "disappointment, confusion."

"People ask, Why is he doing this?" " he

The question was put to Mr. Nunn in an interview, and this is what he said: "I want to help Bill Clinton every time I think he's anywhere near the mark." But, he added, "On important matters

when I disagree with him, I feel I have an obligation to my constituents, and to my own sense of duty, my conscience."

Of course, that is too simple for a complex relationship between two Washington powers. So the subject lingers, from Capi-tol Hill down to the White House, where being a riddle to an irritant to a sort of curse that the administration faces with dread and resignation.

Mention Mr. Nunn, and at least one senior White House staff member will respond with a survival tip gleaned at a recent staff retreat

"The facilitator told us that there are problems to be solved' and there are 'situations to be managed,' " said the aide. "Sam Nunn is a situation to be managed."

Other Democrats have crossed the president. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York sighted an administration trial balloon oo freezing Social Security increases and blasted it to shreds. Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska has turned his acid tongue on certain White House attitudes, suggesting the Clintonites need "to learn that we have votes up here."

None, though, caused a fraction of Mr. Nunn's friction. One longtime Republican colleague of-

fers a simple explanation for the fascina-tion Mr. Nunn provokes among lesser powers. "One word: jealousy." Actually, it is far more complicated,

is a good place to start. People pay attention to him. His political base is rock-solid, his independence baronial, and these facts are the foundation of his power. Freely ranging across

although Mr. Nunn's lofty political stature

and protector of lawmakers in that fluid realm between the liberal Democrats and the conservative Republicans.

He has been seen - sometimes rightly - as the pivotal vote on a number of contested issues over the years. Most memorable, perhaps, was President George Bush's choice of a former Texas senator, John G. Tower, Mr. Nunn's predecessor as Armed Services chairman, to be secretary of defense. Mr. Nunn opposed the nomination, and Mr. Tower's bid was finished.

In more ways than just prominence, Mr. Nunn greatly resembles the president. They are two New South, detail-oriented, hyperambitious pragmatists. Mr. Nunn was the first chairman of the centrist Dem-ocratic Leadership Council, and Mr. Clin-ton was the second. Mr. Nunn's early support freed up important streams of cash for the early Clinton campaign.

Perhaps the two men chafe because they are so close together.

Or maybe, as a Republican senator suggests, Mr. Nunn is trying to steer Mr. Clinton away from poisonous liberal influ-

Mr. Nunn said: "I don't view myself as trying to pull him one way or the other. I try to express my own views."

"If he agrees, then I think it's great. If he doesn't agree, that's his privilege."

In Cold War Test, U.S. Used Radiation on Eskimos



Senator Sam Nunn is increasingly at odds with the president.

The Trib Competition: Some of the answers

The Louis Harris organization finishes its special poll on Tuesday to measure public approval of President Bill Clinton after his first 100 days in the White House,

The Harris Poll figure, available in a few days, will be used to determine the winners of the Trib Competition. The reader who came closest to matching the Harris finding stands to win a round-trip, Paris-New York, on the Con-

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New York on April 30. Awaiting the Liams Poll outcome, here are the re-sults of the Se breakers.



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No one knows whether the tests caused the Eskimos to suffer medical ailments, CNN and Russia was close to the North Polar Rasin. And this was before the rockets were available, so they were flying military air-planes all the time with atomic weapons." The network said Senator Frank H. Mur-He added that U.S. military officials

kowski, Republican of Alaska, is calling for a federal investigation. "There's no evidence in the report to sug-

The Associated Press

Alaska were fed radioactive drugs by U.S. government doctors in a 1950s Cold War

medical experiment to learn if such drugs

could help soldiers better survive in the Arc-

tic, Cable News Network reported Monday.

containing small amounts of radioactive io-

dine to 102 Alaskan Eskimos and Indians

and planned to measure the drugs' effect on

their thyroid glands, documents obtained by

CNN Special Reports showed.

Doctors hired by the air force gave pills

ATLANTA - Eskimos and Indians in

gest whether they knew what they were re-ceiving, nor was there any follow-up," Mr. He asserted that the government broke a trust because "those people were willing to go through these proceedings and the gov-

ernment really owed them an obligation to

follow through, and that's what we've got to

until they could retrieve the bombs and so Therefore, we felt that if we could make a study of the Eskimo to find out how they got along, we could perhaps learn from them so that we could do the same as they do," Dr.

were concerned about the crews if they had

to go down oo the ice, so they would survive

The doctor who can the experiment, Dr.

In a telephone interview with CNN, he

defended the tests as perfectly safe, saying

the Eskimos were probably exposed to much

more radiation from Soviet atomic bomb

Dr. Rodahi said military officials were

concerned about the bomb tests and if Amer-

ican soldiers could survive in case of a clash

with the Soviet Union in the Arctic.
"This was in 1950 to 1957," he said, "at the

time when the Cold War was at its coldest

and the shortest distance between America

Kaare Rodahl, now lives in Norway.

Eskimos interviewed by CNN said they were not told about the radioactivity.

he thought the air force doctors were studying Eskimo diets. He knew nothing about the radioactive tracer be ingested and said doctors did not explain what they were doing to him. "Maybe if I'd known, maybe I could refuse to take it."

Bob Ahgook, of Anaktuvuk. Alaska, said

■ Compensation for Victims Keith Schneider of The New York Times

reported earlier from Cove, Artzona: In the past two years, Congress has appro-priated \$200 million to provide compensa-tion to three categories of people injured or killed by the American ouclear weapons industry, or to their close family members:

· People living in southern Utah and Nevada and northern Arizona who were exposed to radioactive fallout from atmospheric testing in Nevada and developed any of 13 types of cancer. They were eligible for payments of \$50,000 each.

· Participants in the actual nuclear tests at the Nevada test site near Las Vegas. They were eligible for \$75,000 payments if they bad developed the same cancers.

· Uranium miners in Colorado. New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming and Utah who developed lung cancer or other respiratory diseases as a result of their work for the are pending.

tration.

year's presidential campaign, one of the few effec-tive ads run by President George Bush thrashed Bill Clinton for raising the tax on beer while Mr.

Clinton, a Democrat, was governor of Arkansas. But there is still sin to tax, with wine and tobacco levies targeted to go up in the administra-

tion's health care plan. The tax on cigarettes could

People in this category were eligible for \$100.000 payments. The government in the 1950s confirmed that the cancers among people in the third

nuclear weapons industry from 1947 to 1971.

group were caused by exposure in the mines to high levels of radon, a colorless, odorless, invisible radioactive gas produced from the decay of radium in uranium ores. Not until the late 1960s did the govern-

standoff. ment warn the miners of the dangers, according to government documents. The governhad been shot once in the front of ment justified its silence on the basis of the head, but he added that the national security and its need for uranium, medical examiner had not determedical examiner had not deter-

The Department of Justice program bas encountered little public dispute over paymeots to the first two eligible groups. Of the was involved. He also said that the 1.571 claims made so far by Nevada test site body was badly burned and that participants and people exposed to fallout, the skull was broken in several places. nied and 878 are pending.

But the compensation program for urani-But the compensation program for urani-um miners has raised questions by the Nava-of the Branch Davidian cult. Last to tribe that was enlisted to mine uranium. Over all, 1,112 mioers or their families have filed for compensation; 328 have been approved, 121 have been denied and 663 claims nine people who escaped the blaze

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by the estimates because total for estimating. To some extent, the than a year that he wants to require of all—whether Mr. Koresh's foll
government, businesses and housespending on health care in the disagreements involve technical isemployers to provide or arrange lowers willingly died or were sues. But they could have a big health insurance coverage for their trapped in the raging fire - may political effect on members of Con-workers. The president has said his never be answered. Six of the survi

gress, who will be asked to help plan will provide "the security of vors have said through their attor finance Mr. Clinton's plan with guaranteed access to comprehenguaranteed access to comprehen-sive health care" for all Americans. But 7 of the 77 bodies found in th White House officials say it will rubble had gunshot wounds, al reduce administrative costs, curb though the medical examiner ha inflation in the health-care industry' made no ruling about whether th and save money in the long run, wounds were self-inflicted.

* POLITICAL NOTES*

Do Jobe-Bill Opponents Want Clinton's Job?

WASHINGTON - President Clinton's budget director has de-WASHINGTON Presidential ambitions of two Republican senators figured in the Republican filibuster that blocked the administration's \$12 billion economic stimulus bill.

"You had presidential politics involved," said the budget director, I con E. Panetta, on CNN. He said both the leader of the minority

Republicans in the Senate, Bob Dole, of Kansas, and Phil Gramm, of Texas, had been campaigning for president while campaigning against the bill that was intended to create jobs.

against the bill that was intended to create jobs.

"Don't forget that both Senators Dole and Gramm went up to New Hampshire." Mr. Panetta said. "They were talking from New Hampshire. They had already started their presidential campaign." Mr. Dole and Gramm were among the most outspoken critics of the legislation, which they said would not create as many jobs as advertised and would add to the budget deficit.

Mr. Dole has not approprieted his candidary for president in 1996.

Mr. Dole has not announced his candidacy for president in 1996, but he has not discouraged speculation that he might run. Mr. Gramm is considered a likely candidate.

(AP)

Defense Chief Gets On-Line Heart Treatment

WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary Les Aspin is back in workaholic mode, saying he feels better than ever after a pacemaker was implanted to remedy a heart problem that had caused fatigue and breathlessness. He has the heart aid adjusted by telephone, with and breathlessness. He has the heart and adjusted by the plants, what specialists changing the settings via electronic signals. The chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, General Colin L. Powell, teasingly warned Mr. Aspin not to mistakenly use the "red phone" linking the Pentagon and the president. (LAT) Pentagon and the president.

Quote/Unquote

Senator Sam Nunn. Democrat of Georgia, musing about cabinet posts in the Clinton administration, which went to others: "I was definitely not interested in being secretary of defense. . . . Would I have considered secretary of state? I would have considered it. I do not know whether I would accept it. Giving up the Senate for me would be very difficult."

Tab for Health-Care Reform: \$150 Billion a Year

By Robert Pear

New York Tunes Server WASHINGTON — Government financial experts have told the White House that President Bill Clinton's health-care plan may require \$100 billion to \$150 billion a year in new public and private spending by government, business and consumers, depending on the scope of benefits guaranteed to all Americans.

Several administration officials contend that those numbers are too high and are urging the financial experts to reduce their estimates. So far, they have declined to do so.

The estimates, coming when Congress is anxious about new taxes needed to pay for a reorganiza-tion of the health-care system, are contained in confidential work pa-pers from the President's Task Force on National Health Care Re-

Financial experts have been working on cost analyses for months. But only recently, as the administration's thinking has crystallized, have estimates of overall costs begun to circulate inside the government. They have not been made public before.

The financial experts, from the Federal Health Care Financing Administration, estimated the cost of three possible packages of benefits. The least generous would cost \$99.5 billion a year, while the most generous would cost \$150.6 billion. Not all that money would come

from the government, but the administration has not decided how

government, businesses and house holds. Nor has Mr. Clinton decided which type of package to propose when he unveils his plan this The three possible benefits pack-

ages would cover hospital and doctors' services and some prescription drug costs. But they vary widely in how much of the cost would be covered by insurance and how much consumers would have to

The manager of the task force, Ira C. Magaziner, estimated in February that the health program might require \$30 hillion to \$90 billion a year in new spending by the federal government. The nation as a whole is expected to spend more than \$900 billion on health care this year.

White House officials say the new estimates are subject to change because final decisions on the de-tails of the president's plan have not been made. Moreover, they argue, people should not be alarmed

WASHINGTON — Scratch beer from the list of sin taxes being considered to pay for universal health insurance. The Clinton administration fears

a backlash from "Joe Six-Pack," the working-class

Democrats who have been known to vote Republi-

White House aides are mindful that, in last

spending on health care in the United States is already increasing by \$100 billion a year. They say Mr. Clinton's plan will eventually slow

Most of the new money - \$69.5 billion to \$82.2 billion, not all of it from the government — will be needed to provide coverage for people who do not have any bealth insurance, the actuaries said.

The Health Care Financing Administration runs Medicare and Medicaid, the programs for 67 million people who are elderly or poor. The agency's chief actuary, Roland E. King, and his staff have decades of experience estimating health costs and population trends. On Capitol Hill, they are respected for independence, integrity and accuracy. But some economists at other

week that it was "very difficult" to will be heavy users of health care, get government agencies to agree on cost estimates or on procedures

A Higher Beer Tax Is No Longer on Tap

agencies still favor lower estimates. Hillary Rodham Clinton, the head of the task force, said last stanual numbers of the uninsured

new taxes. Work papers from the task force

show disagreements between two agencies in particular. The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, a unit of the Public Health Service, offered lower estimates for "insuring the uninsured." It would amount to \$42.6 hillion to \$49.3 hillion a year from all sources, or about 60 percent of the cost computed by financial experts from the Health Care Financing Adminis-

The lower estimates assume that uninsured people are generally healthy, like insured workers. The higher estimates assume that sublike Medicaid recipients.

Mr. Clinton has said for more

Away From Politics

▶ A Korean War-era F-86 jet fighter crashed during an air show at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station in California, killing the pilot. None of the hundreds of thousands of spectators was burt.

• A majority of the people convicted of lootings during the Los Angeles riots last year were repeat offenders, a computer survey shows, in 60 percent of the nearly 700 looting and other felony cases studied in the survey, the defendant had been arrested before; half of those had prior felony convictions.

An American sailor charged with killing a homosexual shipmate in October pleaded guilty to murder in a U.S. military court in Yokosuka, Japan. Airman Apprentice Terry M. Helvey. 21. entered: the plea at a pretrial hearing for a court-martial that is to begin June.

 Texas voters rejected a plan that would have forced some wealthy school districts to share money with poorer ones, even though a court has threatened to shut public schools on June 1 unless the state! divides money for education more equitably.

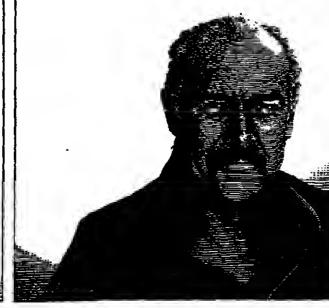
• Mayor David N. Dinkins's budget for New York City calls for nearly \$100 million in new cuts, but it relies heavily on \$530 million in state and federal aid that may not be granted.

 Astronauts aboard the space shuttle Columbia conducted a robotic. experiment that will help pave the way for a new space station, and NASA officials extended their nine-day mission by a day.



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Unesco Draws Fire on Sudan **Agency Aided Seminar on Koranic Schools**

By Barry James

onal Herald Tribune PARIS - Unesco has dismayed some of its staff and diplomats by supporting a seminar in Sud in the only African country ruled by Islamic fundamentalists, to promote Koranie schools.

The critics said the support ap-peared to contradict Unesco's poliey of increasing educational opportunities for girls, because in many countries Koranic schools exclude

Although Unesco has said it was not endorsing Muslim beliefs, a diplomat from one North African country where fundamentalists are seen by the government as a major problem said that it was impossible to distinguish between religion and education in the country's Koranic

Critics said the seminar also risked being seen as an endorse-ment of the Sudanese military government, which seized power in a coup four years ago and is fighting a civil war with the predominantly Christian and animist African population of southern Sudan.

WHO Chief Expected

Despite concern about the quality of his leadership among staff and diplomats, the director-general of the World Health Organiza-tion, Hiroshi Nakajima of Japan, seemed assured of re-election by

Diplomats said Dr. Nukajima appeared to have sullicient support

in the Third World for re-election. The United States and other

major Western donors have made no secret of their preference for a

rival candidate. Mohammed Abdelmoumene of Algeria, whom Dr.

Nakajima dismissed as deputy director-general last year after Mr.

At the meeting of WHO's executive board in January, Dr. Naka-

jima received 18 votes in favor of re-election, with 13 against. The

New York Times reported then that Japan had threatened to

withhold aid from courter to its candidate. An internal U.S. State Department document quoted by The Washington Post

said that Japan had carried out "aggressive factics, including the

The WHO general assembly, which had 181 members after the

expulsion on Monday of Serbia and Montenegro from the seat formerly held by Yugoslavia, has to endorse the executive board's decision, or elect Dr. Abdelmoumene, Diplomats said that Japan

had secured the support of enough developing countries to ensure

that Dr. Nakajima would remain in office for a second five-year

Since he is the first and only Japanese elected to head a UN

agency, his re-election is seen as a question of honor for Japan, which believes that the scale of its contributions to the world organization

Sadako Ogaia, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, also is

According to staff raembers who asked not to be identified.

feelings are running high against Dr. Nakajima at WHO headquar-ters because of what they described as the poor quality of his leadership and management. Critics said Dr. Nakajima was auto-

cratic, bad at communicating and often absent from his post, but he

Ahmad Saced Badi of the United Arah Emirates, the president of

the assembly, acknowledged that the status of WHO had declined in recent years, and said he recretted that the debate over Dr. Nakaii-

He said the committee should carefully consider an external audit

of the organization before voting on the leadership "in order to

ensure that the director-general has indeed the full confidence of the

dismisses such allegations as "an international media campaign."

Japanese, but she is an appointed rather than an elected official.

Abdelmoumene announced he was running for the top job.

pursuit of votes in exchange for favors."

entitle it to a higger share of senior posts.

ma's competence had spilled into the media.

To Weather a Vote

the agency's general assembly, which opened Monday.

A representative of a British aid so that they are no longer strictly agency working in Sudan said the male-dominated and oriented togovernment had "made it absolute- ward a very narrow range of skills clear that it intends to turn Sudan into or "Stamic republic." She added that "helping Islamic

schools falls exactly in line with that strategy. The government has put thou-sands of teachers out of work and has refused in educate children in

any language but Arabic, which is not generally spoken by children in the south. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organi- additional financing for the prozation has budgeted at least ject, according to diplomatic

for a promotional video, partly the basic aim of the program was Koranic schools, including \$40,000 made by Sudanese television. Colin Power, Unesco's assistant director-general in charge of education, said the organization was will- the basic needs of the children in ing to cooperate with any group the countries concerned. concerned with basic education, in-

\$108,500 for the program to aid sources.

cluding religious groups.

Of the Koranic schools, he said, "We are promoting the active inclusion of girls and of other groups in the community in these schools. Foundation.

According to diplomatic sources, Abdel Basit Sabdarat, Sudan's minister of education, acknowledged at the seminar that Unesco had played a role in helping Khartoum "to universalize basic education within the shortest period of time possible.

appropriate only for reading the

The seminar in Khartoum this

year was organized by the chief of

Unesco's literacy and adult educa-

tion section, Abdelwahld Yousif, a

But Unesco said his involvement

Unesco's director-general, Fe-

derico Mayor Zaragoza, told Suda-

nese authorities that he would seek

not to encourage Islamic funda-

mentalism but to change the

schools "so that they better meet

None of the moderate Arab

seminar, which had speakers from

Chad, Indonesia, Mali, Maurita-

nia. Pakistan and the Aga Khan

Sudanese citizen.

In the context of Sudan, the sources said, the phrase refers only to Islamic education.

Victor Ordonez, head of Unesco's department of basic education. acknowledged that the seminar might be open to misinterpretation because of the Sudanese conflict, hut he insisted that the project was aimed at seeing to what extent the Islamic schools could be enlisted in the cause of general education.

He added that there Unesco was not throwing its support behind "raving fundamentalists."
On the contrary, he said. Unesco

wanted to prevent the schools from becoming "tools for demagogy" and to belp them enable pupils "to write and read what the rest of the

major item on the agenda in Kyoto.

offset the hunger of the Third World, it might be permitted," said Dr. Michael F. Tillman, acting as-

sistant administrator for fisheries

at the U.S. National Oceanic and

Authospheric Administration and

the leader of the American delega-tion to the Kyolo conference. "But

that's not what's happening. It's

going to the most expensive restau-

rants in the largest cities in the world."

idea of a whale sanctuary repre-

sents the imposition of one nation's

morals on another and is, in a sense, a form of Japan-bashing.

Burgundy, Giverny and Chartres.

officials argue that the

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A HIGH-FLYING CELEBRATION IN WARSAW - President Lech Walsea of Poland applanding as he, his wife, Danuta, and other officials watched an air show in Warsaw on Monday, Polish National Day, marking the proclamation of the 1791 constitution.

China Must Behave, Clinton Tells Patten

Mr. Patten told Mr. Clinton that Hong Kong would be hurt economically if the United States

"There have been some encouraging moves in China on a number of fronts in the last few weeks," Mr. Clinton said. "I still think that more needs to be done and I hope that it will

The president said he hoped that "we can maintain maximum good relationships" with the Chinese. "I have no interest in trying to isolate them."

Mr. Clinton said he was encouraged by Chiment toward a more democratic society.

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should not permit religious argu-

to take a stand to ensure that other

species, like dolphins and different

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said it would not allow any whaling

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whether to renew normal trade rights, known as most-favored-nation status, for China. He is expected to link China's trade status to improvements in human rights, weapons proliferation and trade access to U.S. goods.

Hong Kong has a large stake in the decision, having grown rich as an economic middleman between China and the rest of the world. The British colony reverts to Chinese rule in 1997, and Mr. Clinton said he was encouraged

of Hong Kong. "You know it's one of the world's most vibrant, thriving, important cities," the president said. "It is an incredible center of com-

He said that he "pointed out that China and the United States were nur two most important

inevitably be affected by any end of MFN, or severe constraint on MFN."

The president is understanding," he said. Mr. Patten was also scheduled to meet with Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen and the Democratic leaders of the House and Senate. He was also to meet with Representative Nancy Pelosi, a California Democrat who is one of the principal proponents of tying trade status to buman rights advances in China.

"I think that the accesses that I'm getting around Washington as a whole are reflections of the fact that the United States recognizes its reduce the number of polling sta-tions in its electoral plan to 1,400 from 1,850, scaling back signifi-cantly in Siem Reap and Kompong strong economic relationship with Hong Kong

He said he planned to raise questions about proposed legislation that could erect U.S. barri-ers to public-sector trade with China, but not trade in privately made goods.

"What, for example, do you call a bike that's manufactured in China?" Mr. Patten asked. "Is that a public-sector artifact, or is it something manufactured in the private sector? These are the sort of problems which I think the proposed legislation throws up."

peacekeeping mission known as UNTAC, said at least seven people

Mr. Clinton has to decide early next month

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton reassured Governor Chris Patten of Hong Kong on Monday that he had no interest in isolating China but that to avoid U.S. trade penalties Beijing must demonstrate "responsi-ble behavior."

withdrew China's most-favored-natioo trade status or attached severe conditions to an extension of the benefits.

na's steps toward economic reform but said they should be accompanied by "responsible behavior, respect for human rights and move-

the whaling body and deputy direction of the government's such plans, thereby clearing the

Fisheries Agency. "We believe scientists. We considered unlikely that the com-

in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital,

has ordered his commanders to

complete preparations by mid-May

for the handover of the military

operation to a larger force from

The orders, issued by Brigadier General Vere Hayes of the British

Army on Saturday, call for a com-

plete re-examination of the situa-tion on the ground in Bosnia-Her-

After the carrying out of General Hayes's orders, dubbed Operation

Gideon, Western forces would be

expected to start arriving in large

numbers. UN officers said. Most

estimates place the number of

troops needed to enforce the peace

plan at about six divisions, or

60,000. Currently there are about

7,400 UN troops in the countries that once made up Yugoslavia.

Already. Western sources say around 100 American troops are in

Bosnia preparing for the participa-tion of the United States in any

intervention. Some are involved in

the airlift operation dropping sup-

plies to isolated Muslim communi-

ties in eastern Bosnia. Others, how-

(Continued from page 1) Japan, however, is not expected election, as he acknowledged Mon-

withdraw from the whaling comnot explained, Mr. Engholm insisted then that he had known nothing about these machinations until after the vote. He denied it under oath after Mr. Barschel, who had resigned, was found dead in the hathtuh of a Geneva hotel room soon after the elections. Mr. Engholm lost the 1987 election but won one held the following year and became the party's choice to run

Mr. Engholm had seemed in recent months to be trying to lead the Social Democrats away from the pacifist politics they had developed during a decade of opposition. He argued, for instance, that the 1949 German Constitution could not be construed as barring German troops from all international peace-keeping operations, even those where no shots would be fired.

But last winter, revelations that one of Mr. Engholm's aides had recently made two secret payments

antagonist's press secretary cast Mr. Engholm in a different light. On Monday, he described his not telling the truth before the state

ibility and that of his party. He would give up a 24-year political career, he said, to make room for a candidate who could beat Mr. Kohl. Johannes Rau, who ran unsuccessfully against the chancellor in the 1987 elections, took over temporarily as party leader and re-

was reportedly shot in the leg. "Small groups of assailants moved down the streets of the city, stealing motorbikes, motorcycles and other valuables," Mr. Falt said. Some houses were reported burned.

At least one wounded guerrilla was captured, and UN peacekeepers saved him from being lynched by a mob, witnesses reported. The codstained hodies of several dead guerrillas lay in the streets for hours as passersby stared at them.

Guerrillas

Raid a Key

Town in

Cambodia

By William Branigin

Vashington Past Service

PHNOM PENH - Khmer

Rouge guerrillas attacked the pro-

vincial capital of Siem Reap on

Monday, rampaging through city streets and briefly searing the air-

In a predawn raid that UN offi-

cials described as the biggest viola-

tion to date of a UN-sponsored

peace plan, more than 200 at-

tackers armed with rocket-launch-

ers, machine guns, grenades and

assault rifles struck a variety of

targets and panicked tourists who

had come to visit the nearby Ang-

kor temples. Among the sites at-

tacked were a garrison of Pimom

Penh government troops near the

airport, two residences, of UN

peacekeeping forces and the city's power plant.

A spokesman for the UN Transi-

tional Authority in Cambodia, the

— four Khmer Rouge guernilas, one government soldier and two

civilians - were killed in the three-

hour raid, which began at 4:30 A.M. However, the central govern-ment put the death toll at 17, in-

The attack appeared to mark a

sharp escalation of what UN

sources say is a Khmer Rouge cam-

paign aimed at disrupting, and possibly preventing, a UN-supervised election scheduled for May 23-27.

Already, the UN has been forced to

Yet, according to UN sources who momitor the Khmer Rouge, the

onslaught seems to be premoting

the very outcome that the group

most abhors; an election victory by

the Phnom Penh government that it

The campaign by the work's deadliest guerrilla organization has

been marked by increased hostility

toward UN personnel, although

analysts are divided over whether the United Nations is being sys-

tematically targeted. Such a course

would carry major risks, analysts said, possibly endangering Kluner Rouge access to Thailand, where

the group maintains safe havens,

incrative business connections and

a cozy relationship with the Thai

"Although the main target Mon-

day appeared to be the government

garrison, the guerrillas also ran-sacked the residence of indian ci-

vilian police officers attached to

UNTAC and attacked the bouse of

Zealand, who returned fire, said

Eric Falt, an UNTAC spokesman.

He said there were no reported casualties among UNTAC person-

nel, but at least one Western tourist

has been fighting for 14 years.

cluding 13 goerfillas.

Thom provinces.

The Khmer Rouge violence shows signs of scaring many Cam-bodians into the arms of the central government, which has argued in its campaign that it is the only party capable of protecting them from the radical group. Before the violence escalated, the government of Prime Minister Hun Sen was struggling to overcome its low pop-ularity because of a reputation for corruption and abuse of power.

The Khmer Rouge, responsible for a holocaust that claimed, by some estimates, as many as 2 million lives in the 1970s, cemented a policy change last week by forcing a UN military liaison office to withdraw from the de facto Khmer Rouge "capital" of Pailin, a gemmining town in western Cambodia.

The Khmer Rouge has demoted or replaced officials who had developed Iriendly relations with UN officers in various parts of the country. Others have been called back to Pailin and returned to their zones with hardened attitudes toward the UN force.

that China has agreed to new talks on the future and China," Mr. Patten said.

merce and haven of opportunity for millions of

Mr. Patteo said that during his meeting with the president he set out his case for U.S. renew-al of MFN, the most-favored-nation trade sta-

tradiog partners, and therefore that we would

WHALES: In Japan, Fans of an Endangered Species Spout Off in Anger BONN:

Norway has said it will resume . Challenger Quits whaling this summer, even if the . Challenger Quits commission does not allow it.

to take such a bold move or to

Serbs would join Muslims and Croats and back the UN peace plan, the chief of staff of UN forces against Mr. Kohl in 1990.

He also brought the Social Democrats, in November 1992, to support a constitutional change to make it more difficult for asylumseekers to make bogus claims of persecution in their home countries just to get into Germany, as hun-dreds of thousands have done in the past few years, though many in his own party opposed this step as a cynical sellout of a hard-won ideal.

of 25,000 Deutsche marks (\$15.820) each to his dead former

parliamentary committee investi-gating Mr. Barschel's death as a mistake that had damaged his cred-

fused to say when the party would choose its candidate.

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mission. Despite its tough words now, it is unlikely the nation would risk the enmity of the United States posed to whaling will delay the process as much as possible.
"The longer this thing drags out, the more people in Japan will forand many European nations for the under protection for what they say get about eating whale meat," said. sake of a whaling industry that, in. an official of an American environterms of Japan's overall economy, Last year, the International mental group. is insignificant.

At this year's meeting, Japan and

mission will complete the work this

year, especially since countries op-

SERBS: Ranks Split Over Bosnia (Continued from page 1) initial it Sunday at a meeting on the

Balkans conflict in Athens. [Mr. Karadzic said Monday that he expected he would face a struggle to persuade his parliament to back the peace plan. Reuters re-ported. "I will have a very hard time in my parliament," be said. "We will have a very long and very bard session, but I still hope a majority will vote for it."

[Fresh clashes that erupted in Bosnia within hours of Mr. Karad-zic's initialing of the pact Sunday killed five and wounded dozens.

and clashes continued Monday.] Mr. Karadzie, who suddenly finds himself cast as a "moderate" after accepting the plan, has threat-ened to resign if his assembly again rejects it. Hard-line members are already denouncing him as "a trai-

tor to Bosnian Serb nationalism. Within Serbia itself, there has been speculation that nationalists such as Mr. Sesely might seize upon the disgruntlement among Bosnian Serbs over Mr. Milosevic's sudden acceptance of the peace plan to challenge his leadership as well.

So far, however, there has been little sign of any support in Belgrade for Mr. Seselj's hard-line approach. In fact, opinioo polls suggest that Mr. Milosevic is again demonstrating his ability to swing a majority of the Serbian people behind whatever position he decides to take on Bosnia.

■ UN Prepares Troop Influx John Pomfres of The Washington Post reported from Sarajevo: In the expectation that Bosnia's from any faction.

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ever, are mapping Serbian artillery positions io case the United States decides to strike Serbian positions from the air, sources said. UN officers said Operation Gideon would begin with the establishment of checkpoints that would be

iven authority to seize weapons

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Laura Ashley's Lasting Appeal

By Suzy Menkes international Herald Tribune

ARNO, Wales - On Wednesday, Laura Ashley shops worldwide will celebrate with a chink of teacups the company's 40th birthday. The woman whose design spirit expressed a yearning for a vanished rural idyll in a ugly, urban world lies here — in the graveyard of a slate-gray church in a fold of green Welsh hills. She died in an

The company lives on, It has recently failed to flourish and needed pruning, but now sprouts shoots of recovery, and it still has an instantly recognizable identity: flower-sprin-kled fabrics, girlish cotton dresses, chunky chi-na jugs and homey bed linens. Its essence is a remembrance of things past brought decorous-

I don't think nostalgia is the right word for us," insists Jane Ashley, one of the four children. "The appeal is not to hark back to earlier times, but to show the consistency between then

The secret of the company, according to Sir Bernard Ashley, the company's chairman — universally known as B. A. — is to keep the "hwy!." That Welsh world defies translation but means the spirit or ethos. For Laura Ashley, it is a sense of lasting value, or as she once put it: "I don't like ephemeral things. I like things that

The green 1990s should mark Laura Ashley's second coming, for the values first stressed as the alternative to the brash 1960s, are back in fashion. In 1953, husband and wife founded the mpany literally on a kitchen table, printing the first tea towels in their London apar ment, before settling in Laura's native Wales in 1961. Five years later came the first simple cotton dresses and tough drill shirts, hard-wearing labrics that were part of an "anti-materialistic" philosophy that is now born-again.

HE home furnishings introduced in 1972 were the fulfillment of a dream that "however ugly a day, you come back to a house that is a safe haven." The decade became a period of apparently unstoppable growth, with the Ashleys moving to a château in Picardy.

"Imagine this to a French château in 12

years," said Jane, describing as "too moving for words" a visit to now-empty knocked-together cottages with slate-tiled floor and hlack beams, where she remembers her mother serving honey and flannel in the first shop with one machinist clattering in a room behind

Now the empire of clothing stretches across the world with 515 shops and a £247 million (about \$387 million) turnover, Instead of Laura's instinctive romantic appeal, Jim Maxmin, CEO since September 1991, offers a global strategy and American marketing methods to ensure, as the company puts it, that "Laura Ashley is perfectly poised to maximize its potential as a global lifestyle niche brand."

"Buzzwords added that don't mean anything," says B. A., who admits that the "transi-tion from a small printing works to a corporate business was very difficult to do without dam-

The interesting thiog about Laura Ashley is not how the company will shape up for the 1990s, but why the dream has had such an

generation of women who have swapped the kitchen range for a microwave and moved into the competitive wider world.

Laura Ashlev's dream incarnate is Rhydoldog, the family home bought io 1973. It is not proverbial cottage with roses around the door, but the sturdy house of a working farm whose 1,500 sheep splatter the undulating land. If this were the Raiph Lauren homestead, the furniture would smell of beeswax and the walls would glower with ancestral portraits. At Rhydoldog, the oak is polished with elbow grease, the decoration is a bric-a-brac of quirky objects, and the scatter pillows - man and cow or bright berries among foliage - were done by

The company's essence

is a remembrance of things past brought up-to-date.

Laura herself. She was not a fashion designer with an idea and a marketable image. Her myth was her reality.

Jane traces her mother's roots to Grandma Wales, Laura's forceful maternal grandmother, who went into domestic service at 13 in a big house in the Edwardian era, married at 36, and continued to live with "everything hlackened and polished." From ber, Laura inherited "a thing about white starched aprons" that she d insist the shops carried even when they failed to sell. The original Laura Ashley look in the early 1970s — "fresh cotton dresses with little spring daisies" tapped into the period mood of the British televisioo series "Upstairs rustairs" portraying the Edwardian world

of a family and its servants. Yet, Laura Ashley's sweet florals were always more than period pieces. The milkmaid dresses were worn by flower children who turned on and tuned in. There was something subversive and sexually provocative about skinny city girls with sooty eyes and tumbled bair protesting innocence in their clothes. It is only now that teenagers identify the style with their mothers and balk. What B. A. calls going "the wrong in the 1980s was an attempt to "modernthe style.

Jane herself revolted, turning up at school aged 15 io one of the first Laura Ashley wedding dresses carrying a book of Bryon's poetry. then going on to art school and turning punk

The Ashley family — Nick, former design director, David and Emma, — no longer plays a significant part in the company since its re-structuring. B. A. spends most of the year abroad as a tax exile with his Belgian wife,

In the £8 million Texplan factory at Newtown, a computer grades and records colors and prints on disk. This technology is a far cry from the original printing machine B. A. built him-self that is still housed at Rhydoldog. In the factory's design studio, Brian Jones, home furnishings colorist, scales and recolors prints by hand. He has been with the company 21 years. .

Laura Ashley's sense was not to abstract ideas from her imagination but from history's heritage. In her study at Rhydoldog, there are

enduring hold on the collective psyche of a no rambling rose or granny prints. Instead generation of women who have swapped the there is a perfectly proportioned re-creation of a Georgian print room, with black and white cameos on a nectarine colored ground.

"Laura's basis was the 17th and 18th centu-"insists B. A. "She thought that was the only time when she should have lived, when there were the finest houses and most beautiful clothes. Although she was always very modest and quiet, she boiled away inside and was always returning to a standard. Embedded inher character, and enabling her to do what she did, was an unerring judgment.

"It took a helluva lot of drive to build the company and my father had that drive," says Jane. "But oow that I am the age my mother was then, I can see the strength of her struggle and determination with three young children."

A biography claimed that Laura Ashley would put the children to bed at 4:30 in the afternoon so that she could work. Jane denies the story, but there remains an enigma about Laura and a sense of paradox about the family: Jane living in a rose-strewn cottage in London's urban sprawl; factory staff in Wales given Friday afternoon off because once they needed to feed their sheep; B. A. running luxury hotels in Wales and the United States. He and his wife stay at the Welsh hotel or at a lodge on the grounds of Rhydoldog.

"It's a sad place for me: I've got to be careful," says B. A. of Rhydoldog.

In London, Laura Ashley's 40th anniversary was celebrated with a fashion show in the grand and gilded Spencer House - about as far as you could get from Welsh cottages with roofs shining silver in the sunshine. Maxmin talks about customers seeing "the product as collect-able" and says that "they embrace a value that is at the heart of the house".

Out come the clothes: a faint, sanitized whiff of country air io beathery tweeds. Herringbone rweed suit with tapestry vest and flowered scarf tucked at the neck; a sampler print sweater from the "heritage" anniversary line; a scatter-ing of 1970s in mix of prints in peasant layers; a hlue and white Regency stripe pattern and a frock coal express an 18th-century sweetness. The clothes are in the current ecological mood of the 1990s, without any raw urgency.

Stephen Grant, global collections development director, says simply that "in the period after Laura the company lost focus" but that be believes that 1990s "is exactly right for us." Even had Laura lived, it would have been difficult for ber to find a niche in a world of

"My mother really lost interest in clothes side in 1981, when fashion was androgynous, streamlined, urban and Alaïa," says Jane.

B. A. remembers when "the chin came out" and Laura insisted oo a hunch on a change of fahric and made him call the factory from a telephone booth on the side of the road. He hopes that a new designer, Eric Bremner, trained at the Royal College of Art and previously with the Italian company MaxMara, will have the same authority.

For all the corporate talk of brand and identity, Laura Ashley's capital is its continuity and the heritage of a determined woman whose search for real values and standards in a shifting world caught a fashion moment. That mo-



Top, Jane Ashley with wedding dress and photo of Laura Ashley, her mother; above, an example of the

STYLE MAKERS

Lamine Kouyate

CAST-OFF COUTURE

New York Times Service ARIS - In a sterile art allery on the Avenue Mootaigne, not far from the Plaza Athence Lamioe Kouyate, the designer behind the clothing line he calls Xuly-Bet, was fending off buyers from Paris, New York and Milan and thinking of Mali, his homeland. His raggedy, wraithlike clothes hung limply from thin wire hangers, a homesick chorus tine longing for hot dusty streets and sunshine.

"Mali was really a cultural cradle," he said, "The ancestory is strong, but people are very open to foreign influences. I knew more about rock and funk in the 70s than any of the kids in Paris when I

In a city accustomed to \$10,000 couture dresses. Kouvate's \$10 tank tops and \$50 shirt dresses -a much-coveted, much-imitated look on the rest of the world. It means, on the Paris streets - are annoying the fashion establishment. Paris, after all, is the couture capital.

In Kouyate's hands, "couture" is a patchwork of rough-hewn, castoff and factory surplus clothing — tent, dismembered and then su-tured together like field wounds with coarse thread. Each piece has its own scars, its own pied beauty. Skin peeks through taut sutches, making the wearer's body part of

Kouyate, 31, described the results as ao ongoing economic prob-

S EVEN players tied for first place in the New York Open at the Ramada Hotel in Manhattan

April 7 to 11. They were Alexander Goldin of Russia, Ferdinand Hell-

ers of Sweden, Lev Alburt and Joel

Benjamio of Manhattan, Jaan Ehl-

vest of Estonia and Utut Adianto

of Indonesia, all grandmasters. along with Ilya Gurevich of Massa-

chusetts, an international master. Each won a \$2,725 prize for his 7-2

Benjamin defeated Alburt with a

sharp counterattack in Round 5,

but the Russian emigre, unde-

terred, kept winoing and by the

time the last round was finished, he

stood equal with Benjamin and the

Years ago, Vasily Smyslov, a for-

mer world champion, invented an anti-Gruenfeld system with 4 Nf3

Bg7 5 ed Nd5 6 Bd2 O-O 7 e3.

Here, however, Alburt left out 4

Nf3 in favor of the more aggressive 4 cd Nd5 5 Bd2 Bg7 6 e4, the

five others heading the field.

By Robert Byrne

lem, one that informs not just his personal history, but his designs. "At home, all the products come

from foreign places," be said.
"They're imported from everywhere made for a different world, with another culture in mind. A sweater arrives in one of the hottest moments of the year. So you cut the sleeves off it to make it cooler. Or a woman will get a magazine with a photo of a Chanel suit in it, and she'll ask a tailor to make it out of African fabric. It completely redirects the look. Much of what you

Each piece has its own scars, its own pied beauty.

see in Mali and Senegal is like that: it's not the same culture, but it comes from the same cultural

Xuly-Bet lets Mali impose itself

is someone who tries to break through appearances. In Senegal,

Kouyate never wastes a word or a gesture. He is as ano-waste as his fashion. Sleepy-eyed, his newsboy bag slung across his chest and knit cap pulled low on his forehead, Kouyate looks no more threatening

drawback being that on 6 ... Nb6.

White had to expend another tem-po, with 7 Be3, to protect his d

his overly eager vein, and after 8... a5 9 Be2 Nc6 10 d5 (10 Nf3 Bg4 11

d5 would have been more secure)
Nb4 11 Rc1. Benjamin jahbed
strongly at the white center with 11
...f5! Alburt charged with 12 Nb5
only to encounter 12 ... c6! 13 de

With 15 Bc4 Kh8 16 Nc7, Alburt

was looking forward to 16...Rb8 17 Ba7, but Benjamin lashed out with 16...f4!, when 17 Bf4 Rf4 18

Na8 Rf2 would have yielded Black a powerful attack. But after 17 Na8

fe, he still had a mighty initiative.

played 19 Ke2 so that I would have had to give my KB for his rook

instead of exchanging a knight for it with 19 Bh3 Nc3 20 Re3 Be3. Of

course, he wanted to use an ad-

vanced passed pawn to create threats after 21 c7."

Benjamin said, "He should have

Qd1 14 Kd1 Na4.

With 8 a4, Alburt continued in

he bandaged up."
"It's good for a woman to have

roughly translated, "voyeur."
"But it iso't just 'a voyeur," he said, "It's more than that, Xuly-Bet

the real meaning is 'keep your eyes open,' like this." He pulls his eyes wide with his thumbs and index

Kouyate's shows have no pretensions to high-fashioo presenta-tions; they are studiously the oppo-site. This year, his models were Band-Aids as accessories - the putty-colored ones stood out like taltoos against dark skin. "People have gone through the jungle of life," he said, "and those are to cover the scars where they oeed to

something rough on her." Kouyate continued. "It's like a fetish. That first collection I did, I loved - big threads hanging. Now, it's more professional. Then it was strong."

coiffed models, holding radios to

the line next fall.

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to the status quo than Karl Lager-feld probably did when he started out. But he didn't know how. Or as he proudly put it, "I didn't have a complex." So when he took two old

Kouyate gave his first show a year ago. He invited everyone to the Tuileries and pulled a tourist bus alongside all the others lined there. Out marched 20 ragtheir ears. They danced on the dirt path, then back onto the tour bus, and it pulled away.

It was an artful presentation, designed to create a buzz. And it did. In March, Samaritaine, a Paris deparament store, lent him a floor to show his collection and opened a small shop devoted to his work. No one knows yet how Senegal style will sell in the United States; Allure magazine has Xuly-Bet on the cover of the May issue and Barneys New York and Charivari will carry

Position after 16 Ne7

On 22 ... a4, Alburt could not stop for 23 Rel because 23 ... ab

24 Rc3 Be6! 25 Nb6 (or 25 Nd4

After 25 ... ed. Alburt might

have tried 26 Rc3, but then 26 ...

de 27 Nd2 Na6 28 h3 (on 28 Re6, 28 ... Bg4 29 Kf1 e3 30 Nf3 Nc7!

28 . . . Bg4 29 Kf1 e3 30 Nf3 Nc7! 31 Rc7 Rf3! wins outright1 b4 29 Rc6 Nc7! 30 Rc7 Ba6 31 Nbc4 h3!

Bc4) b2 wins for Black.

The way Kouyate tells it, the urge to sew came on him one day

shirts and ran rough thread be-tween them in jagged stitches, he said, "il looked like Frankenstein." Kouyate was born in Bamako, two years after Mali declared independence from France. When he was 14, his parents moved to Paris for two years. Then his father, Sey-dou Badian Kouyate, took a con-sulting post with Unesco in Dakar, the capital of Senegal.

It was then that he decided to become an architect and applied to the Architecture School of Strasbourg, where he studied for three years. He's now finishing his architecture degree in Paris.

When he moved to Paris in 1986. Kouyate submerged himself in the city's artists' colony. His Xuly-Bet store/showroom/design studio is in l'Hôpital Epbémère, a government-owned compound temporarily given over to artists.

In September, when the former hospital will become a retirement home, all the artists will have to move on to another warren, and an auction of the tenant's work, including Kouyate's designs, will be held.

"All I knew about Paris when I got here was that it was romantic," Kouyate said. "Still, I was nostalgic for Mali. When I was young, we played in groups in the streets, and here I was really isolated. It made me realize how much I loved the whole spirit of Africa.

"Africa is an old world, but it's like the urge to smoke or soceze. completely a virgin. There are just

is annihilating. For example, 32 Rc6 b2 33 Ra6 b1/Q 34 Nb1 f1/Q

So Alhurt desperately sacrificed piece with 26 ed to make some-

thing out of his connected passed pawns. Benjamin, however, quickly gave it back with 29 ... Bd7 30 Rd7 a2, and after 31 Rd1, he stopped

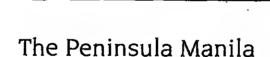
the last dangerous pawn with 31... Ne7. Seeing that 32 Rd8 a1/Q 33

Rf8 Kg7 would either pick up the white rook or else let Black get another new queen with 34 ... f1/

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

leads to a quick mate.

O, Alburt gave up.



so many possibilities there. No rules. Nothing is established. Here, there is nothing to be done to break the prices. "I know, but we have the original," be said. "They don't know

We know.

the Establishment."

Try telling that to the established

designers, some of whom are al-

ready adopting bits and pieces of Xuly-Bet patchwork designs, even

nal," be said. "They don't know why they're copying. We have it.

Amy M. Spindler



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1969 flower child look by Laura Ashley; left, today?

Ashley look for the 1993 autumn/winter collection.

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Bosnian Breakthrough?

President Bill Clinton's escalation of styled parliament of the Bosnian Serbs,

vote on the plan on Wednesday. The hard-liners must be left in no doubt whatsoever

that if they persist in slaughtering lightly

armed opponents and unarmed civilians, the allies will ratchet up the diplomatic and economic pressure and consider again the need for military intervention. That warning

to the hard-liners could be amplified if Mr.

Christopher's understandings with European leaders this week are given wide publicity —

to let the Serbs see that they will face a

under increasing pressure as the existing em-

bargo on trade was greatly tightened and

Serbian assets were seized abroad. That may

have led Serbian President Slobodan Milose-

vie to urge a cooling off.

President Boris Yeltsin, fresh from a re-

sounding referendum triumph, made it clear that Russia would not ride to the Serbs'

rescue, increasing the pressure. And Mr. Clinton let it be known on Saturday that he

was ready to commit American air power,

lift the arms embargo that blocks shipments of guns to the Bosnian Muslims, and possi-

bly help create "safe havens" for the Mus-

hims to protect them from Serbian attack.

either for military strikes or participation in

an international peacekeeping force. And it will need to generate support from Congress and the public for any military commitments. But the hopeful developments this.

past weekend suggest that the administration and its allies may finally he on the right path.

tries. But in the hands of politicians like Mr. Kantor, cautious activism easily sides into rank protectionism. Minivans are not high

tech and U.S. manufacturers, accounting for

more than 90 percent of the market, are not threatened by foreign competition. All the proposed tariff increase would accomplish is

to jack up prices to consumers by thousands

of dollars. Apparently Mr. Kantor prefers to

reward Chrysler rather than the middle-class

families his boss has sworn to defend,
Ms. Tyson and Mr. Kantor are backing
other aggressive trade policies. They advo-

cate managed trade, whereby Washington

would set numerical targets for, say, exports

of auto parts to Japan, and retaliate if Japan

misses the mark; they also back laws that would allow the United States to retaliate

against trade practices that it unilaterally decides are unfair — even if such retaliation

Aggressive retaliation against foreigners

who bend the rules is not new; it has been the

policy and practice of every recent adminis-tration. Last week Mr. Kantor broke no rules

by threatening to retaliate against Japanese restrictions on U.S. companies bidding for

government contracts. But for the United

tional trade rules is new - and dangerous. It

invites destructive trade wars and taxes con-

somers in the process. The only people likely

to cheer for Mr. Kantor are the special

interests that he would serve and fund-raisers

expert should rejain that Mr. Jacobowitz

may have been translating a Hebrew, nonracial insult meaning "oxen"; that one faculty member would characterize water

bullaln as "large, dark primitive animals that live in Africa," only to debate whether

water buffalo live in Africa. All of that

merely amplifies what should have been

clear already, the futility and intrinsic self-

destructiveness in clamping down on

The Penn speech code has been charac-terized by a local ACLU chapter as "one of

the worst" at universities, and its prohibi-

tions include any "verbal or symbolic be-

havior" that, among other criteria, "is in-

tended by the speaker or actor only to

inflict direct injury on the person or persons to whom the behavior is directed; or is

sufficiently abusive or demeaning that a

reasonable, disinterested observer would

conclude that the behavior is so intended;

or occurs in a context such that an intent

only to inflict direct injury may reasonably

be inferred." Note that this astonishingly

expansive formula does not allow the

speaker's interpretation of his own words to

he accepted over the interpretation of a

listener or third party.

Educational institutions should educate.

not least about racism and the need to fight

it with stronger arguments; this, not sup-pression, continues to be the best way to

combat offensive speech when, inevitably, it

occurs. But that responsibility to educate is

also a serious one. It is shameful and ridicu-

lous for such institutions to then squander

the moral high ground in the argument by

pressing insupportable, trivial positions. Mr.

Hackney ought to speak on this subject be-

fore be is confirmed to his new job, which

0 D

after all is about education, too.

speech because it offends somebody.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

at the Democratic National Committee,

States to bully partners by violating intern

violates existing trade agreements.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

The Clinton administration has many tasks remaining. Its goals need to be clearly defined before it commits troops or aircraft,

Several factors probably combined to spur Mr. Karadzic to sign the peace document on Sunday. His backers in Serbia proper came

determined and unified coalition.

pressure on the Serbs to make peace in dominated by hard-liners, is scheduled to

Intramural Trade War

Silly Season on Campus

Bosnia appears to be yielding encouraging results. In the most hopeful sign in months.

the recalcitrant leader of the Bosnian Serbs.

Radovan Karadzic, has signed the inter-

national peace plan designed to end fighting in the Balkans. If the Serbs really mean to halt their genocidal onslaught, this is

indeed a diplomatic triumph. Under the

peace plan approved on Sunday in Greece, the Bosnian Serbs would be forced to yield

roughly a third of the territory they have

seized and would be denied the corridors they seek to link Serbian-held territory in

Although the plan, named after its

crafters, Lord Owen of Britain and Cyrus

Vance of the United States, was initially

denounced as a sellout that would reward

Serbian aggression, in the chaos that is now

Bosnia it is beginning to look like the best

But the danger remains that Serbian

agreement to the plan may be nothing more than a cynical sham in defuse the rising pressures for allied military intervention.

That makes it especially important for the

Clinton administration to keep up the dip-lomatic pressure, as Secretary of State War-

ren Christopher is now doing by continuing his rounds of European capitals to forge a

firm and unified approach.

Mr. Clinton has it just right when he

insists that the Serbs must show by deeds,

not just by words, that they accept peace. The Serbs must stop their artillery shelling

of helpless cities, stop ethnic cleansing of Muslims from areas that the Serbs have

seized, stop the flow of arms from Serbia to

Bosnia, and allow humanitarian relief to reach sick and starving victims.

A large hurdle lies just ahead. The self-

On the other side are Mr. Kantor and

ney, is President Bill Clinton's nominee in

available life raft

Bosnia and Croatia with Serbia proper.

lunacies like the involvement of a panel of racial epithet scholars, who combed TOJU through linguistic history to ascertain that "water buffaln" had ever been used as an

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Bosnia: Progress, Maybe, After Much Lost Time

WASHINGTON — What bap-pened when the United States made it plain that further murder and rape in Bosnia would result in the bombing of Serbian positions and the arming of Bosnia defenders? Sudden-ly the light of reason seemed to illu-

minate the Serbian leadership. The realization that conquest might have a high cost — not only that uniformed killers would be killed, but that Serbian civilians would suffer— caused the dictator in Belgrade to send word to his stooge within Bosnia to sign on the dotted line.

Skepticism is in order; shells still rain on Sarajevo, and it may be that this latest show of sweet reason is a subterfuge, Slobodan Milosevic in Serbia and Radovan Karadzic in occupied Bosnia may be playing nice-war-criminal. tough-war-criminal with

Vance-Owen, pretending to make peace until the world relaxes.

If that delaying trick is tried, the best way to prove Western determination would be to turn out the lights in Belgrade — to use air power to smash the utility infrastructure with-in Serbia in a way that would turn the people against the regime.

But let us assume that this time the instinct for duplicity is overcome by the driving force of fear. No excuses about local commanders not getting the word can be tolerated; the Serbian leadership should be required to execute the first artilleryman who or-

ders a barrage after the cease-fire.

If the credible threat of U.S. military punishment at last stops the carnage, the world should insist that the ancient device of a balance of power undergird the peace.

That means that the Muslim Bosnians must be armed to the level of the Serbs within Bosnia, or that the Serbs must be disarmed down to the level of the Muslims. How? On a date certain, 100 tanks and 1,000 mobile mortars should be delivered to Bosnian forces unless the same number of Serbian tanks and mortars are turned over to peacekeepers.

We have seen how imbalance invites war, give balance a chance. On the assumption that American saber-rattling succeeds in silencing bureaucratic games, he commands

SAN FRANCISCO — Washing-ton insiders, including Presi-dent Bill Clinton, talk as if free

trade were a magic bullet that auto-

matically raises wages and generales jobs. Yet since 1973 American

trade with other countries has dou-

bled while the average weekly pay-check has fallen by 18 percent, ad-justed for inflation.

The American economy got big-

ger - national income per capita

grew by 28 percent - but the bene-

fits were channeled to those with

Under the banner of free trade.

American employers continue the

hemorrhaging of U.S. jobs to (sup-

should emphasize social

local communities and

posedly) efficient foreign produc-tion sites. For example, Smith Co-

rona, the last American typewriter company, is discharging 875 of 1.300 employees and moving pro-

duction to Mexico. The reason giv-

en is typical: Equally skilled Mexi-

can workers will do the same work

This shows the painful reality be-

hind Mr. Clinton's boast that the

North American Free Trade Agree-

ment will create high-paying jobs. The truth is, it will only create a

race to the bottom in wage levels

This is inevitable if the United

States rashly links itself to Mexico.

where wages are one-tenth the U.S.

level, environmental laws are unen-

forced, unions are captive to the state and the political system is rife

with corruption and electoral fraud. One would think that such a radi-

cal trade alliance with Mexico

would inspire foreboding and wide-spread debate. Instead. Congress

allowed the pact to be negotiated in

and environmental standards.

Trade relationships

justice, enriching

respect for the

environment.

for a lot less pay.

the highest incomes.

By William Safire

the guns while a patchwork nation is designed, what will have been learned? First, in dealing with militias who enjoy bombarding civilians with impunity, the West should recognize that lear retribution works better than pleas for mercy. Serbian gunners may be savage but they are not suicidal.

Next, in inducing a vulnerable conqueror to come to the negotiating table, nothing beats a direct, serious interoational effort to starve the war-making population. A block-ade, meaningless in self-sufficient Iraq, hit bome in oil-dependent Ser-bia, raising this question: Why were François Mitterrand, Helmut Kohl and John Major, prattling about sanc-

tions for a year, unwilling to impose an effective blockade a year ago? Finally, in affecting Balkan public opinion, the imminent threat of the

use of international force does not "rally the people, unify the nation, make the militants dominant, stiffen the tribal desire to get even —on the contrary. The likelihood of terrible retaliation scares bell out of most rational people, including all those uninterviewed Serbs who want to get on with their lives.

The world is learning plenty about European leaders, who will risk the lives of soldiers on humanitarian missions but not in deterring messy ag-gression. Forget talk of Europeans "approving" air strikes while "vetoing" the U.S. plan to arm the Bosnians
if the Serbs don't stop killing them; the
European leaders have taken as their
symbol a bend of sheep huddling un-

der the wing of a superpower eagle.

And we Americans are learning which of our own leaders to trust in

the crunch. Senators Joseph Biden, George Mitchell, Richard Lugar and Bob Dole have been stalwarts, in contrast to the quagminization of the House behind Lee Hamilton and

Speaker Thomas Foley.

In the Clinton administration, Al Gore, Les Aspin and Tony Lake are providing the backbone for intervention, with a stunning assist from Fog-gy Bottom below the seventh floor. Barring a last-minute trick by the Serbian leaders to grab land before a cease-fire, President Bill Clinton may be learning the lesson that at first chuded Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy: The way to avert a war is to be demonstrably ready, will-ing and able to go to the brink of war.

Asked on Sunday why that lifesaving resolve was not shown two months ago. Vice President Gore could only ter: "Or two years ago."

Shultz's Strength Would Have Helped

WASHINGTON — One of the many revealing passages in George Shultz's new book on his years as secretary of state, "Turmoil and Triumph," deals with the massacre of Palestinians in Beirut in 1982, Israeli forces occupying the city sent Christian Phalangist militia units into Palestinian refugee camps, where they killed bundreds of civilians. At 11 P.M. on Sunday, Sept. 19, the Israeli ambassador in Washington, Mosbe

Areas, came to see Socretary Shultz. "I want to emphasize," Mr. Arens said, "that any insinuation that Israel bears part of the responsibility for the

U.S.-Israel relationship." Mr. Shultz replied: "Face the facts. You bear responsibility. In the book he adds this comment: "And we shared it, I thought, because we took them at their word to ensure

safety in the camps." That is George Shultz: blunt. strong, ready to take responsibility himself and make others face theirs. Without raising his voice or playing

Beware This Dogma of Free Trade

abstruse that debate about its pro-visions falls prey to areane eco-

nomic assumptions. Non-econo-

mists who refuse to think in terms

of the econometric models mar-

shaled in the pact's defense are chastised as Neanderthals and spe-

cial interests out to protect obsolete

jobs at the expense of progress.
Compounding all this is the grossby undernocratic fast-track process

for congressional consideration of

the pact. It perverts constitutional

procedure by abrogating Congress's power to amend —only a "ves" or "no" vote is allowed — and it im-

poses strict time limits on debate. As

a result, active participation of those who represent labor, environmental,

consumer and human rights con-

Politically connected industries

The trade agreement includes a

"yarn forward clause" that protects U.S. textile manufacturers by fa-

voring yarn spun in North America.

where U.S. companies are the low-cost producer. This exception to

free trade doctrine, one of several dozen in the pact, shows that trade restrictions are widely used, with

the only question being: Whose fi-nancial interests are to be protected

The short answer is that global

companies and their shareholders

are protected because of their enor-

mous political power. Those on both sides of the border without

powerful lobbyists or financial clout

The pact lifts protection on Mex-

ican corn and other foods. As a

result, economists at the University

of California at Los Angeles esti-

mate that 800,000 Mexican farming

families will be driven off their

communal lands because of low-

cost U.S. competition. Approxi-mately 700,000 additional illegal

immigrants will then cross into the

United States in search of work.
The outcome will be suffering and
depressed wages on both sides of
the border as the number of desper-

Another danger of the pact was

are workers rapidly increases.

secret and written in language so exposed in legal challenges brought

are left to fend for themselves.

however, are spared the rigors of unconstrained free trade; they are

cerus is drastically limited.

given special treatment.

and for what reason?

By Edmund G. Brown Jr.

By Anthony Lewis

respect by force of character. One may disagree with him, but no one can think he takes a position for any reason except that he believes in it. Reading his fascinating book on the characters and policies of the Reagan years. I naturally thought about the principal foreign crisis of today. How would the situation in Bosnia look if George Shultz had been secretary of

state these last few years?

The answer is that the tragedy would have been avoided. Mr. Shultz. would have had the wisdom and fortitude to say "no" to the Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic when he began stirring up fear and hatred among his people in order to build more power

for himself on the blood of others. The beginning is when it mattered most. When Serbian artillery started shelling civilians 18 months ago, a strong reaction from the West would bave made Mr. Milosevic stop. But the West had weaklings in office: George Bush, John Major, others in Europe.

under the General Agreement on

Tariffs and Trade, on which the

pact is based. Both trade agree-ments allow unelected officials to

resolve conflicts by declaring na-

tional and local environmental and

safety standards to be "nontariff

barriers" to trade and thus subject

In August 1991, a three-person secret GATT dispute panel in Ge-neva ruled that the U.S. Marine

Mammal Protection Act of 1972

was an illegal trade barrier because

it restricts the importing of tuna caught with nets that kill dolphins.

The case was brought by Mexico. In March 1992, a GATT panel

ruled, after a complaint by Canada, that tax breaks in many U.S. states

for small breweries were inconsistent

with the global agreement and are subject to international sanctions. In these decisions, the panel was saying that GATT overrode U.S.

laws. By such reasoning, neither Congress nor the states could put in

place environmental regulations like mandatory refillable bottles or re-

strictions on the export of raw logs.

made at the state and local level,

under GATT and the North Ameri-

can pact Americans would all be subjected to a supergovernment of unelected trade buresucrats. They would bring to their jobs the narrow frame of reference of economic utili-

ty and not the dynamics and diversi-

The side agreements that Mr. Clinton is negotiating on labor and the environment change nothing. Congress should reject the trade

agreement as undemocratic and in-

consistent with Americans' growing

understanding that political and

economic power has become too centralized. What is needed instead

is a trading relationship among Canada, Mexico and the United

States that emphasizes social jus-

tice, enriching local communities

and respect for the environment.

This will be possible only after the reigning fallacies behind free trade

are thoroughly debated and refuted.

The writer, governor of California from 1975 to 1983, was a candidate

nation lost year. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

ty of democratic participation.

Instead of democratic decisions

to financial penalties.

They sent diplomats off to beg while signaling that they would do nothing if

Last week Mr. Shultz spoke the truth about that style of negotiating. He sounded like the man who pointed to the emperor's nakedness: "When you try to conduct diplomacy without power and the other side is using force, as in the Bosnia situation, you wind up

making a fool of yourself."
He added a characteristically blunt comment on the United Nations, saying that the Serbs had "made suckers" out of it and UN Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali, who gotiations might still succeed. "This man must be on some other planet," Mr. Shultz said. "Force is already being used, 24 hours a day. It's coun terforce that's missing

When President Bill Clinton decided on Saturday to move toward the use of force against the Serbian ag-gressors, the Shultz view of how the world works was immediately con-firmed. The Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic changed his mind and signed the Vance-Owen peace plan. Diplomacy worked when it had a genuine threat of force behind it. But Secretary of State Warren Christopher correctly warned that the Serbs must do more than "give us a signature on a peace plan - unfortunately we've heard their words and

Seen their signatures before."

Serbian leaders have to act, not talk. Stop the shelling of Sarajevo at once. Pull back their siege lines around Srebrenica and other Muslim cities. Let relief supplies through

without harassment.

And even if the killing stops, the process of getting European agreement on Mr. Clinton's plans for the use of force will have to go forward. Only that realistic threat can see that a cease-fire is maintained and steps ere taken toward a real end of the

human disaster in Bosnia. It would have been so easy to pre-vent if George Simitz had been there two years ago to speak out against the indecency. Of course he would have to have had a president strong enough to back him up, but we know what he would have done if he did not get the backing. Fight years ago the ultras in the Reagan administration tried to make him take a polygraph test as part of a general imposition of lie detectors. He said, "The minute I am told that I'm not trusted is the day I leave." They dropped the policy.

The New York Times.

ton advisers dreaded.

of Kansas, voiced their support for U.S. bombing but said it was up to the president to persuade the people that vital national interests justified

publicans stood ready to condemn intervention. And the Democrats were as badly divided on the issue as

Muslims by a fairly quick and "clean" military intervention, the gains would hardly exceed the cost as White House advisers measured the

wanted was for Mr. Clinton to have to focus his energies and divert his presidential rhetoric to the cause of

What added to their concerns was

The first ponyeteran to occupy the Oval Office since Franklin Roosevelt, Mr. Clinton already had suffered serious political damage by challenging the military profession-als on the issue of gays in the service. But in that conflict, no lives were directly at stake. While it was certain that American generals and admirals would follow whatever orders Commander in Chief Clinton gave to carry out missions against the Serbs. White House officials knew that the opposition to intervention privately expressed at the highest levels of the uniformed services would quickly be-

come public knowledge. Particularly worrisome was the

arm increasives in the west was to employ the military as a substitute for a missing foreign policy.

Time and again, they had heard generals argue: "Tell us what the policy and the mission are, and we will try to accomplish it. But don't put our people in harm's way without a clear rationale, a clear purpose — and a clear end point, when the fight-

and a clear end point, when the right-ing can stop."

The possibility of having a man with the prestige of a Colin Powell, now just a few months from retire-ment, carry those arguments into the political areas, following a long and inconclusive military intervention, was enough to make White House politicians quake.

That, above all, is a prospect they

1893: Pyramid Pedalers

CAIRO — The irrepressible bicycle has worked its way to the banks of the Nile. Thanks to the patronage of His Highness Prince Ibrahim Pasha Rachid, a cyclist race took place re-Racino, a cyclist race look place re-cently at Helouan-les-Bains — prob-ably the oldest watering place in the world, for it is recorded that Ramses II. nearly 2,000 years B.C., sent lepers there to be cared. It is situated on the right bank of the Nile opposite the Pyramids of Saccara. What a supprise Pyramids of Saccara. What a surprise it must have been for these venerable monuments to look down upon a modern bicycle contest.

1918: Pause in Flanders

divisions have been used. Sixty-six divisions remain unused; ten of these are made up of poor forces incapable of an offensive. Franco-British units have succeeded in stopping the furious onslaught of this formidable German mass of 2.5 million men. The number of Allied divisions ready to continue the battle is greater than the

this morning [May 3] broke through the line the Germans had held tona-ciously during recent days and made a swift advance of 15 miles, capturing the important junction town of Mateur and placing themselves within 19 miles of Bizerte. The Americans took prisoner several hundred Germans. This is the greatest advance by Allied forces since Axis armies took up their

For Clinton, Johnson to A Blessing With an If

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON—If the Serbi-ime about ending the fighting in Bosnia—a large "It"—it is a wink-political boon for President Bill Cin-ton. It would mean that by signating his readiness to use military force the new president has helped achieve a humanitarian and geopolitical gial that cluded his predecessor — and other Western leaders.

It would allow him to return his focus to his stacky domestic agendarather than undertaking the difficult task of persuading a steptical U.S. public that America's national interest requires intervention in a poorly understood ethnic conflict ..

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And it would spare him from being forced by his own rhetoric into a camouflaged, but very real, conflict with American military leaders.

All three of those benefits are so important to the president just now that the prospect of the Serbs' range ing once again has a nightmare quality to it. Mr. Clinton's political advisers abborred the alternatives he seemed to

abunced the such naives the seemed to face in the Bosnian tragedy.

Doing nothing and allowing the slaughter and rape of the Bosnian Mushims to continue threatened to stain Mr. Clinton's presidency with the shear of indifference to what he the shame of indifference to what he bimself had called a smaller-scale version of the Holocaust. But the address to the nation he would have to make before committing U.S. air

power and risking American lives over ex-Yugoslavia was one the Clin-White House aides knew that most voters remained opposed to American intervention. When people like the Senate minority leader, Bob Dole

the almost inevitable loss of U.S. lives, Clinton advisers smelled a rat. As Mr. Dole conceded, other Re-

they were during the Vietnam War.
Even if the United States and its reluctant European allies were able to halt the slaughter of the Bosnian

domestic political effects. Mr. Clinton was elected to fix the economy and move forward on ne-glected social and political reforms, they knew. The economic reports are shaley, his program is in jeopardy on Capitol Hill, and the last thing they

curbing Serbian aggression.

tion would require Mr. Clinton to take on not only public opinion, con-gressional opposition and large elements of his own party, but the hear-felt concerns of the uniformed military establishment.

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contention they had heard from some of the commanders that to order an air campaign against Serbian targets while allowing the Bosman forces to arm themselves in the West was to

hope to avoid. The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

FRENCH BATTLEFRONT -- Now that the first phase of the Flanders battle is over, a survey may be made in light of valuable figures. The Ger-mans started out with the idea of tearing the British and French armies spart and destroying the isolated British forces. A total of 186 German

number of imused German divisions. 1943: Allies Advance ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA —[From our New York edition:] American troops in the northern sector of the Tunisian front

stand in northeastern Tunisia.

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The American president calls for raising the tariff on Japanese minivans tenfold; his Treasury Department puts the proposal on indefinite hold. The president promises to hold up the free trade agreement with Mexicountil be negotiates stringent conditions on the environment and labor, his chief trade negotiator, Mickey Kantor, goes before Congress to propose tame conditions. The president vows to push the Uruguay Round of international trade talks to conclusion; U.S. negotiators stymic negotiations.

The Clinton administration is engaged in

a trade war - with itself. One side — led by Treasury Secretary Lloyd Benisen, his chief trade economist. Lawrence Summers, and the White House adviser, Robert Rubin - fights to preserve the United States' traditional commitment to rules that every country, including the United States, pledges to follow. If the United States breaks the rules by, for example, shutting out imports that threaten do-mestic producers, the Treasury officials fear that other countries will follow suit until trade shrivels and every country suffers.

Laura Tyson, head of the Council of Economic Advisers, backed by Democrats representing industries threatened by foreign imports. They call for a more muscular approach, whereby America wields its buge market clout to buily partners into granting trade concessions. Ms. Tyson, the more circumspect, calls for "cautious activism" to counter foreign threats to high-tech indus-

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Campus speech codes outlawing racially ethnic shir toward blacks; that another offensive speech have not, on the whole, fared well in the courts. Those at the universities of Michigan and Wisconsin, for instance, were successfully challenged as un-For an illustration of these terms and the constitutionally "overbroad and vague." absurd difficulties and injustice to which They can lead, a disciplinary saga unfolding at the University of Pennsylvania provides a sobering example. The facts of the case, which has received extra attention because the university's president, Sheldon Hack-

chair the National Endowment for the Humanities, have an antic quality. A freshman named Eden Jacobowitz is said to have shouted out his dorm window at a group of black sorority students who were making noise, calling them "water buffalo" and saying there was a zoo nearby if they wanted in party. When the dorm had thorities asked if anyone in the dorm had shouted racial epithets — apparently some other students had — Mr. Jacobowitz told them what he had shouted but said it was not a racial epithet. Nonetheless, school

ing whether his words are actionable under Penn's speech code. One college official reportedly asked him whether he had been thinking "racist thoughts" at the time. As a constitutional matter, "overbroad" means that a policy can cover behavior that is not prohibited as well as behavior that is:

YONI speech regulation in a mushell. Bad enough that this incident has led to

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OPINION

For Johnny to Learn, Effort Is Required WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration's "school By Robert J. Samuelson By Robert J. Samuelson By Robert J. Samuelson being used "to make decision to make decision

W ASHINGTON — The Clinton administration's "school reform plan," submitted to Congress recently, continues a tradition of national hypocrisy. The main reason most American students don't do as well as they might is that they do not work very hard. Yet almost all school reform proposals (including Bill Clinton's) conveniently skip the subject of

student effort, as if it did not exist. The present theory of "reform" holds that American students are the victims of bad schools. Because the institutions are rotten, the remedy is to revitalize them through new teaching methods, technol-

No school can compensate for students who don't work hard.

ogies, "standards" or more 'choice." Students' learning and skills will somehow (miraculously, it seems improve. It is all painless.

Let us grant that many American schools are lousy. But schools do not learn, students do. No school can compensate for students who do not work hard, and most international comparisons confirm that this is a major prob-

In a 1991 study of 15 countries, American 13-year-olds ranked 14th in math achievement. Only 29

percent in 1966.

percent of the Americans did more grades were A s; by 1991, 43 perthan two hours of homework a day. the fifth lowest. In France, 55 percent did two hours of homework; in Korea, 41 percent.

It is not that American students are exceptionally lazy. The schools simply do not demand much of them, and in this, the schools merely do what the public wants. Harold Stevenson, an educational psychologist, has studied popular attitudes on this. Most American parents dismiss the poor showing of U.S. students in international comparisons as not reflecting "the abilities of their children or their children's schools," as he wrote in a recent Scientific American.

Parents want to be told that their children are doing all right. Schools do precisely this, because they fear offending their major constituency, parents. Schools maintain low standards that permit most students to do passably well. We Americans have adopted a system of almost automatic promotions and enormous grade inflation. Any school that did otherwise - that raised standards, lowered grades and held back students -would face huge pressures from parents and school administrators

to conform to the norm. These practices have spread even to elite colleges. Consider grade inflation at Harvard. In 1966, 22 percent of undergraduate

cent were A's. Only 9 percent of

grades were Cs. down from 28 "By rewarding mediocrity, we discourage excellence," said William Cole, a Harvard teaching as-sistant. "Many students who work hard at the outset ... throw up their hands upon seeing their peers do equally well despite putting in

far less effort." Somehow, though, the subject of effort escapes most school experts. Ernest Boyer, former U.S. commissioner of education, does not mention it in his review of the decade since "A Nation at Risk" appeared, warning of poor schools. Newsweek says that money—the lack of it — has been the biggest obstacle" to educational progress. Really? In the 1980s, school spending per student rose 33 percent after inflation.

Talk of stricter standards is mostly rhetoric. President George Bush proposed national standards and tests. But the tests probably would not have been used for anything that matters to students: promotion, graduation, entrance to college. President Bill Clinton's proposal is worse. It would set national standards without national tests. States could adopt standards of "comparable rigor and quality" and their own tests. In practice,

state test results could not easily be

compared. Moreover, the Clinton plan prohibits the state tests from being used "to make decisions regarding graduation, grade promotion or retention of students."

Does this convince John or Jane to work harder or take school more seriously? No. The idea is that if parents see their schools are not performing well, they will somehow force the schools to improve. Not likely. We already know which schools do well and which don't. We could do better. Tougher

standards matter only if they affect students directly. The federal government might require students applying for federal college aid (about half those going to college! to pass a qualifying test. The measage would be: If you don't learn in high school, you will not go to college on public money. For other students, employers could be en-couraged to use national tests and high school transcripts for hiring decisions. The message: The better you do in high school, the better job you may get. What is essential is to make the school experience relevant, in immediate, obvious

ways, to most students. But Congress has repeatedly refused to impose a meaningful academic requirement on federal college aid. And civil rights law deters employers from using general tests or high school records. Companies are supposed to use tests related to specific jobs. Anything that merely indicates general competence or diligence is legally suspect. Congress shows little willingness to

change that, either, What passes for "school reform" really aims to navigate the contradictions of public opinion. Poliucians want to "do something" without frightening parents. The solution is a "blame the schools" agenda that makes impersonal institutions responsible for students shortcomings. It will not work.

The point is not that school must be drudgery or that homework is all that matters. Genuine learning is exciting. The act of discovery stirs the imagination. The mastery of new skills builds confidence. But learning and mastery require effort, just as excellence in anything. from sports to music, requires effort. And the effort must come

from students.
Schools cannot perform miracles. Teachers cannot teach if students do not take school seriously, and if teachers must struggle to win students' attention. teaching will not be an attractive profession. Schools can do lots of things better, but none will matter unless students are motivated to work harder. The real villain is popular complacency that holds otherwise.

The Washington Post

N EW YORK — Last month, in the very week when the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum opened in Washington, the Roper Organization reported that 22 percent of the American adults it polled said it seemed possible that the Holocaust had never happened. An additional 12 percent said they did not

know if it was possible. These startling atatistics underscore a disturbing phenomenon that has gained momentum in recent years in both America and Europe: a growing ignorance about the Holo-caust on the part of ordinary citizens, and the growing visibility of "revisionist historians," who are trying to whitewash, even crase from memory, the Nazi atrocities of World War II.

Some of these "revisionists" argue that the Holocaust never occurred at all, that, in the words of one "revisionist historian," it was all a "gigantic politico-financial swindle whose bencliciaries are the state of Israel and international Zionism." The gas chambers never existed, say these demers, and the deaths at Auschwitz

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and other camps simply resulted from disease. Others, known as "minimizers," argue that the Nazis' actions were defensive, undertaken to protect the German nation from a dangerous enemy; the Jews who died were simply the

casualties of a war like any other.
Two new books — "Denying the Holo-Two new books — Denying the Hold caust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory," by Deborah E. Lipstadt, and "Assassins of Memory: Essays on the Denial of Vidal Named the Holocaust," by Pierre Vidal-Naquet emphasize that such "revisionists" can no longer be shrugged off as harmless crackpots, confined to the lunanc right-wing fringe.

Since the mid-1970s, as they bave increasingly camouflaged their anti-Semitic agenda in more muted language and academic pretensions, they have begun to infiltrate the mainstream, gaining access to talk shows, university publications and political debate.

Holocaust denial material can frequently be found on computer bulletin boards, which are used by white-power and neo-Nazi groups to schedule meetings and disseminate information anonymously. And television talk show hosts now invite Holocaust deniers to debate survivors on the air, arguing that "different perspectives" have a right to be heard.

Why bave Holocaust deniers become more conspicuous in recent years? In the first place, it has been nearly 50 years since the liberation of the Nazi death camps, and there are fewer and fewer Holocaust survivors around to provide firsthand testimony about the crimes. With the events of World War II receding in time, there is a natural tendency to forget. A collection of German essays called "For-ever in the Shadow of Hitler?" makes frighteningly clear that this tendency has been heightened in Europe by a desire to sanitize the past and shrug off responsibility for the Nazis' crimes, a desire to put a final punctua-

tion point on the painful events of World War Il and begin again with a blank slate. As for America, it has been a youthful nation, disinchined to dwell on the past and the darker impulses of human nature. It is not hard to see how the "good tidings." in the words of

By Michiko Kakutani

one denier, that the Holocaust did not occur might find fertile ground in a country brought up on Enlightenment hope and the optimism of the transcendentalists and pioneers. The very monstrousness of the Nazis' plans

to exterminate the Jews can fuel the insidious assertions of the "revisionists." The radical evil espoused by Hitler is hard for many welleaning people to comprehend.

Prejudice and anti-Semitism remain realities in contemporary America. And there is the simple problem of the ignorance that has become rampant among young people. A recent survey of students at Ivy League colleges revealed that 75 percent did not know that Abraham Lincoln wrote the words "government of the people, by the people and for the people."

Many of these young people, like many of their elders, get their history from movies and television, media that are taking increasing berries with the truth, routinely hurring fact and fiction, and distorting real events to make dramatic or ideological points. Ms. Lipstadt points out in "Denying the Holocaust" that such rewritings of history have "the potential to alter dramatically the way established truth is transmitted from generation to generation. They help to create an intellectual climate in which "no fact, no event, and no aspect of history has any fixed meaning or content."

Holocaust deniers exploit the backlash against political correctness, using arguments about free speech and First Amendment rights to have their material aired. Acting as though their lies and assertions were simply another point of view, they pention for equal time

under the guise of promoting free inquiry.

The belief held by many multiculturalists that history (and textbooks) must be rewritten to include the experiences of blacks, women and other groups whose pasts have been misrepresented or ignored has inadvertently helped to create an atmosphere in which Holocaust deniers can gain a fnothold in academia.

Students have become accustomed to seeing traditional readings of history overturned; Columbus's "discovery" of America is now por-trayed in politically correct histories as the beginning of an imperial mpe of an Edenic world; the settling of the American West, once depicted in the triumphalist terms of Manifest Destiny, is now described by some politically correct historians as the violent westward march of greedy, genocidal land-robbers,

Given these developments, even well-intentioned students might be tempted to confuse differing interpretations of the past with what the Holocaust deniers are engaged in doing assailing the actuality of the past.

Some assertions by radical Afro-centrists also threaten to turn history into propaganda. also threaten to turn history into propaganda. Leonard Jeffries, former chairman of the black studies department at City College in New York, has contended that "rich Jews helped finance the slave trade." Other Afro-centrists have tried to argue, without real historical evidence, that a black Egypt was the mother of all Western culture or that evidences from all Western culture, or that explorers from

Africa discovered South America. The cover for such unfounded assertions, the critic Robert Hughes observes in his eloquent book "Culture of Complaint: The Fraying of

Down With History, Down With Truth America," is the politically correct notion "that all statements about history are expressions of power. History is only written by the winners and truth is political and unknowable, unless

some victim knows it in his or her bones." The argument is given an additional absurd twist by Holocaust deniers, who perversely argue that the Germans were the real victims of World War II, that they, not the Jews, were the ones who suffered unjustly.

Such preposterous claims are more likely to find an audience in a cultural zeitgeist in which all truth is decreed subjective and all facts are made subject to re-evaluation. This state of affairs, so reminiscent of an Orwellian dystopia, is the world today as it is envisioned by the increasingly influential deconstruction movement, which has gained ascendancy at American universities in the last two decades.

Deconstruction is a method of textual analysis that has been applied to literature, history, even law, and that focuses on language's "unreliability" and the "indeterminacy" of texts. It has its own curious relationship with

Nazism and the denial of the past.

Deconstruction was the '60s brainchild of lacques Derrida, a philosopher and former Sorbonne professor, who was deeply influenced by the work of the philosopher Martin Heidegger. When Heidegger's links to Nazism (he was a dues-paying member of the Nazi party from 1933 to 1945) created an uproar among intellectuals in the late '80s, Mr. Derrida tied himself into knots trying to

mitigate his intellectual mentor's actions. Had Heidegger broken his postwar silence over revelations about the Nazi death camps, Mr. Derrida argued, other intellectuals "would then be more likely to feel dismissed

from the duty of re-examining his thought.
As David Lehman noted in his book "Signs of the Times: Deconstruction and the Fall of Paul de Man, similarly convoluted arguments were also advanced by Mr. Derrida in defense of his own follower, Mr. de Man, a Yale professor and America's foremost proponent of literary deconstruction — who, it was revealed in 1987, had written for pro-Nazi publications during World War II.

Mr. Derrida characterized Mr. de Man's wartime writings as the work that "a very young man wrote for a newspaper, almost a half century ago, for less than two years, in very singular private and political circum-stances, many of which remain unclear to us.

The point here is not that deconstruction is some sort of secret neo-Nazi tool; it obviously is not. The point is that deconstruction purveys a stylishly nihilistic view of the world, which insists that all meaning is relauve, that all truth is elusive and therefore futile. Such critical approaches irreparably divorce intellectual discourse from morality and ethics, and posit an ahistorical world in which actions have no consequences and language has no real meaning.

Together with society's current eagerness to blur the lines between fact and fantasy. reality and appearance, the deconstructionists and like-minded thinkers foster a climate in which ideologues and propagandists, like the Holocaust deniers, can try to assail those two pillars of human civiliza-tion, memory and truth.

The New York Times.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Japan and Militarism

Regarding "The Barriers to Activ-ism Are Mainly Self-Imposed" (Opia-ion, March 29) by Gerald Segal: The current legislation for send-ing Japan's Self-Defense Forces on United Nations peacekeeping opcrations is based on shaky groun of questionable constitutionality. Rightist politicians, in the name of making an "international contribution," pushed the bill through

the Diet to send Japanese troops abroad at all costs. My concern is that these hawks' real intention may be to edge Japan back to the status of a military power. Many Asian nations are still skeptical about Japan's military role overseas. Many Japanese are concerned about the possible dan-

ger, even if it is not imminent. involved in such a role. TAKASHI AKUTSU.

Taxing the Rich Art Buchwald's April 1 column ("Fairness" It's a Big Lie") asks.
What exactly is a fair sbare of taxes?" Somebody should ask that

of President Bill Clinton Last year, he campaigned on the politics-of-ency slogan that the rich should pay their "fair share" of taxes as if they were not doing so already. Yet the Tax Foundation in Washington, says that the top 5 percent of American income-earners in 1990 paid 42.9 percent of total U.S. income taxes, up from 36.4 percent in 1980. The highest 10 percent paid 53.9 percent of taxes in 1990, up from 48.8 percent in 1980. If America is the land of oppor-

turnly, where does tax fairness end and tax plunder begin?

JOHN G. McCARTHY Jr.

AIDS in Thailand

In the April 10-11 issue, an article on child prostitution states that one UNESCO study estimated that 2 million That females work as presentates and that \$00,000 are ad-

olescents and children." As a University of Michigan sociology pro-fessor and visiting researcher at the Institute of Population Studies at Chulalongkorn University in Bang-

kok, may I make a few points? The UNESCO figures unply that an absurd proportion of girls (about one in four aged 13 to 17) and an implausible proportion of women are involved in commercial sex. These unbelievably high esti-mates are typically cited by organizations with interests in encouraging public attention for their causes

and are based on sheer guesswork. Reasonably solid estimates are available, based on semiannual canvasses conducted nationwide by the Health Ministry. After correcting for some undercount, as assessed in an independent study by the Thai Red Cross, it is clear that commercial sex workers number between 100,000 and 200,000, and that only a small minority are children. This is still a substantial number, but is at most one-tenth the level cited for the overall figure, and the number of child prostitutes

is a far smaller fraction. In an article on April 8 dealing with the feared AIDS epidemic in
Eastern Europe, Michael Merson,
director of the World Health Organization global program on AIDS, is quoted as citing Thailand as a country that considered AIDS "an African disease" that "could not happen here." While there was an initial hesitancy to admit to a problem, ever since it became evident in 1989 that a serious epidemic had started, the Thai government, and especially the Health Ministry, has especially the rteath Ministry, has been perhaps the most open and aggressive of any developing coun-try in dealing with the scourge, and appears to be having major success in changing risk behaviors.

JOHN KNODEL

Religious Hucksters With all the soul-searching going on after the tragedy in Waco, Texas, httle attention has been paid to the enormous amount of tolerance

American society has for unscrupulous religious con men, who promise everything from eternal. life to cures for cancer.

If a fellow in a white jacket goes on television and promises to grow hair on bald heads and he can't back up his claims with the regulators, he stands a chance of paying a large fine, even spending time in jail. Promises to cure your bad back, bring you prosperity or help you live forever, on the other hand, are just sort of laughed at by most people. But those who suffer, who have all but given up hope, grasp at anything, even turning themselves and their money over to religious predators. Because freedom of religion is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, we Americans are loath to regulate false and deceptive practices by phony holy men.
Until we get up the courage to do
so, the weak and vulnerable in society will continue to be fair game.

JOEL BRUCE Calgary, Alberta.

A Very Close Second

Regarding "The NCAA Show-down at Last" (Sports, April 6) by Malcolm Moran: The article says that North Car-olina has played in the NCAA col-legiate basketball tournament's Fi-nal 16 for 13 consecutive years, adding. The next longest streak is 3." Is the writer aware that UCLA appeared in the Final 4 no fewer than 11 times in 12 years (1964-1975) winning 10 times, including 7 consecutive titles from 1967 to 1973, probably the only record in all sports that has little chance

ever being broken? RAYMOND HARRIS. Limoges, France.

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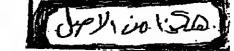
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International Herald Tribune World Stock Index C, composed of 230 internationally investable stocks from 20 countries, compiled by Bloomberg Business News. Jan. 1, 1992 = 100.



The index tracks U.S. dollar values of stocks in: Tokyo, New York, London, and Australia, Austria, Belglum, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Netherlands, Net Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. in the case of Tokyo, New York and London, the index is composed of the 20 top issues in terms of market capitalization. In the remaining 17 countries, the ten top stocks are tracked.

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Services	109,40	109,32	+0.07	Miscellaneous	102.56	103.54	-0.95

ASHINGTON — If they are serious about getting their plans for economic and monetary union back on track, it will soon be time for the EC com-

tries to take the next step in restoring the credibil-

ity of their bartered convency system — the European exchange-rate mechanism. That means that

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Forumately, the ideal sacrificial victim is at hand. It comes in the shape of the bashful Spanish peseta, still worth too much despite two recent devaluations.

The ERM survivors have passed the first mile-

stone on the comeback road. Led by the Bundes-

bank, they have beaten off attacks on the French

without sparking another crisis in the system

Later this month, EC finance ministers are due

to approve a report drawing the lessons from last

autumn's embarrassing events, the main drift of which is likely to be that there's nothing basically

wrong with the rules of the system. On the con-trary, the report will say, last year's problems were

due largely to the failure to apply those rules and particularly to the failure to adapt exchange

Since the crisis, the Bundesbank president, Hel-

mus Schlesinger, has repeatedly said that in the fu-ture a wayward currency must have its value adjust-ed before vast sams are mobilized in a losing battle

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Not surprisingly. Mr. Schlesinger's views are being heard. To defend the Danish krone in Febru-

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A Sacrificial Peseta for EKM

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The Ruhr Struggles to Rebuild

By Ferdinand Protzman

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New York Times Service DUISBURG. Germany - In its heyday, Germany's Ruhr industrial region was an awesome economic engine. Set atop one of the world's richest bituminous coal fields, the 1,711 square mile (4,448 square kilometer) maze of cities, towns, mines and steel mills produced 80 percent of Germany's iron and steel during the 1930s.

The Krupp and Thyssen family dynasties arose bere and their weapons plants became the arsenal for German leaders from Bismarck to Hitler. After World War II, Ruhr coal fueled the "economic miracle" of re-

Now it is the Ruhr that needs rebuilding and no miracle is in sight. The area called der Pon, the pot, by its 5.4 million inhabitants still accounts for 8 percent of Western Germany's industrial output, valued at \$100 billion.

But Germany is in a severe recession and the Ruhr has become a microcosm of the nation's economie woes in the post-unification era. Instead of acting as an engine of growth, the region's economy is expected to contract by at least 2 percent this year.

The crisis highlights the structural problems that have plagued the Ruhr and the world's other rust-belt industrial areas since

the 1960s, as well as the broader weaknesses in the German economy that have been underscored by the recession: operating costs that are among the highest in Europe, ossified management structures and high-priced but no longer state-of-the-art products.

About one-quarter of Germany's 50 largest concerns are based in the Ruhr and only a handful of them are prospering.

Such extraordinary events as German unification and the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe have also contributed to the region's woes. The steel crisis worsened dramatically when the Iroo Curtain was lifted, releasing a flood of cheap Eastern European steel on Western Europe's market and de-

pressing prices by almost 40 percent. Before German unification in 1990, the Ruhr's plight could have been eased by government subsidies, which have kept the coal industry alive since it began declining in the 1950s. But Chancellor Helmut Kohl's conservative coalition government is already spending some \$30 billion a year on rebuilding Eastern Germany and has little money left over for the Ruhr, the stronghold of the opposition Social Democratic Party.

So the Ruhr finds itself struggling with little outside help to make the leap from a region dependent on heavy industry to one

with a hroad mix of businesses. Its political leaders have been looking closely at cities that can be considered models for such a

transition, and Pittsburgh tops their list.

One of those leaders is Richard Klein, city manager of Duisburg, a gritty, working-class city of 450,000 built in the Middle Ages where the Ruhr River joins the Rhine Duisburg burg, which claims to be the world's largest inland port, has been hit hard by the crisis.

"I've visited Pittsburgh and seen what can be done to bring a city back," said Mr. Stein, a trim, balding 49-year-old with a degree in city planning and a doctorate in economics. And that's what we will do here." Mr. Stein and other local officials have

taken a page from Pittsburgh's book: attract high-technology companies, build up the service sector and promote research and devel-opment. Growing steadily since the 1980s, the service sector has become the biggest employer in the Ruhr, accounting for about 1.2 million of the region's 2 million jobs.

Not everyone has been won over by this approach, however. Union officials argue that replacing well-paid industrial jobs with lower-paid service-sector jobs is not a recipe for regional revival.

But creating new industrial and manufac-

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"To our regret, there are various

prove," the Yomiuri Shimbun, a

major daily with strong ties to the

governing party, said in an editorial on Sunday. The awarding of pub-lic-works contracts is not transpar-

ent," it continued, ooting later that

"the current system is a hotbed of

bid-riggiog and cozy relatioos

members of the construction indus-

try. The system is a strong barrier

As many lesser players in the

construction industry are quick to

point out, the system is not rigged

against foreigners as much as it is

rigged against any outsiders. Even

Japanese companies without the

before bids are sought, and others are suddenly stripped from one

company and given to another with

to foreign companies."

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among politicians, bureaucrats and

Key Concessions In Union Pact progressing and we are hopeful and optimistic about them."

Northwest Sets

ST. PAUL, Minnesota - The two largest unions at Northwest Airlines said Monday that they had reached tentative agreements on

contract concessions the struggling

carrier needs to survive. The agreement does not include the Air Line Pilots Association, which Machinists union officials say is crucial for the package's success. and is contingent on bankers agree-ing to restructure Northwest's loans. Members of the machinists union and the International Broth-

erhood of Teamsters, which represents flight attendants, still must ratify the agreement, a process that could take up to six weeks.

John Massetti, a spokesman for the International Association of Machinists, said details of the con-

cessions package would not be made public until it is presented to the uoioo's 26,000 Northwest members in the coming weeks. But the union said the agreement did address "labor-cost savings, job security, employee stock ownership, corporate governance, restructuring and other relevant matters."
We look at it as an investment

for our job protection," said Tom Petersen, president of Machinists District 143.

The unions will get a significant equity stake in the airline and guaranteed jobs for current employees in exchange for the concessions, Mr. Petersen said, "It's a historic agreement," he told reporters at a press briefing. "They haven't sold off routes and aircraft like some of the other airlines have by the time labor has gotten involved."

He also said the agreement was contingent oo "all the players get-ting oo board."

The president of Northwest, John Dasburg, issued a statement saying: "The agreements with the International Association of Machinists and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters are important and occessary steps toward right connections find that some the financial restructuring and the contracts are mysteriously awarded reduction of costs Northwest requires to aggressively compete in the marketplace. Discussions with representatives of our other labor groups cootinue. These talks are

The airline's six unions agreed in

November to negotiate \$900 million in contract concessions over three years. The unions formed a coalidon to negociate with the airline, but the Machinists and the Teamsters broke away in mid-March.

The unions initially wanted 80 percent of the carrier's equity but Northwest offered just 20 percent io a March 1 response.

A proposal made March 26 by the Air Line Pilots Association and three smaller unions asked for a 50 percent equity stake divided among all six unions. Northwest had a loss of more

than \$1 billion in 1992, its third consecutive yearly loss.
(UPI, AP, Bloomberg)

Finance Chief Moves to IBM From Chrysler

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ARMONK, New York -loternational Business Machines Corp. said Monday it had hired Jerome York, Chrysler Corp.'s chief financial officer, to take control of its finances.

Mr. York, 54, was one of Chrysler's key executives, presiding over the automaker's negotiations to extend a \$6.8 bil-lion line of credit last summer and two stock offerings that raised more than \$2 billion.

Paul Rizzo, IBM's previous chief financial officer, will remain at the company as an adviser to the chairman, Louis V. Gersiner Jr., overseeing manu- & facturing and development. He remains vice chairman.

There had been speculation Christopher J. Steffen, who quit as Eastman Kodak Co.'s CFO, would get the IBM job. A temporary replacement for Mr. Steffen was named Monday. (Page 10) (Reuters, AP)

U.S. Complaint Revives Japan Scandals tators who attacked Mr. Kantor as

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

TOKYO - Just as the government of Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa thought it was getting past the tales of bribery and corrupt bidding practices linking Japanese leaders to the construction industry, the scandals have been given new life by an unexpected and very mwelcome set of investigators: trade negotiators of the

The United States trade repreentative, Mickey Kantor, made no reference to the seemingly endless string of scandals when he threatened to impose sanctions against Tokyo if negotiations did oot fur-

concerted intervention before the threatened cur-

The ministers are also likely to endorse Mr. Schlesinger's call for earlier and more orderly —and thus usually smaller — parity changes. But it makes no sense to agree to that and then allow the peseta to

stage a repeat performance of the currency debacles

of last autumn, in which governments desperately held out to the last minute before being humiliating-

ly overwhelmed by market forces.

Nevertheless, Spain is now heading down that path again. Prime Minister Felipe González is

rying to defend the exchange rate, largely for

tion in the markets that the pesets will again have

litical reasons, in the face of a mounting convic-

Just like the British economy last September, the

hinging Spanish economy desperately needs low-

er interest rates. The high rates currently in force to

defend the peseta are only steepening its nosedive. Mr. González's immediate aim is to hang on at

mount again

And that's precisely what gives the other ERM

countries the chance to show they mean business.
Their strategy should be (as perhaps it is) to support the pescen up to the election and require its

devaluation by the new government immediately thereafter, without waiting for international specu-

lators to do the job for them.

The engineering of an orderly, jointly agreed currency realignment would certainly not solve all

the ERM's problems, or even put an end to specu-

But the sacrifice of the peseta would be an

important step in the ERM's rehabilitation. It

would set a useful precedent for joint decisions to

adjust parities more smoothly in future. And it might help EC countries to get used to the idea that

if their commitments to economic and monetary

mion mean anything, they must surrender their

jealously guarded sovereignty over the value of

their money — and stop treating their currencies as national virility symbols.

ative attacks in future

least until the June 6 parliamen-

tary elections - and this time

the other countries have so far rallied to his support. They un-derstand that it's not a great idea to devalue in the middle of

an election campaign, particu-

larly if the pressure may quickly

rencies reached their floors.

ther open American access to construction contracts in 60 days.

But it was obvious to everyoneincluding many in the Japanese press, who conceded over the weekend that Mr. Kantor had a point when he termed the market "fundamentally closed" — that the scan-dals are the best evidence the United States could marshal. Ever since the arrest two months

ago of Shin Kanemaru, 78, the former power-broker of the governing Liberal Democratic Party, newspapers have been filled with "discoveries" that one major government project or another was awarded to a Japanese construction company under suspicious circumstances.

The accusations, many involving projects that have been whispered about for years, cover everything from the multibillion dollar project to build a test track for a magnetically levitated bullet train, being built in Mr. Kanemaru's home disbeing built across Tokyo Bay.

Construction companies are be-lieved to have been the biggest

source of the \$50 million in finana bully made no effort to argue that cial instruments, cash and sold bars found in Mr. Kanemaru's ofpublic-works projects are allocated in Japan according to merit. fices. He has since been released from jail, and is awaiting trial on tax evasioo charges. areas in which Japan must im-

Japanese officials have long attempted to characterize such scandals as a purely domestic matter. But the new American complaints, and threats of investigations into how American companies bave been excluded from important cootracts, could shatter that facade.

At this point, the government is chiefly concerned with more revelations proving that dango - the secret, illegal meetings among Japanese construction executives to decide which company will be the successful bidder for a government project - still thrives in Japan.

Over the weekend, officials were loathe to concede any link between the bid-rigging revealed in Mr. and the American contention that the system is rigged.

But even the Japanese commen-

EC Panel Accepts Trade Plan

BRUSSELS -- The EC Commis sioo adopted on Monday sugges tions to trade barriers to goods from Eastern Europe, but the plan is expected to meet opposition from some member countries of the European Community.

The plan would cut average import tariffs on a wide range of goods to 2 percent from 4 percent in two years, rather than the four years set by accords the EC recently signed with six East European nations.
Steel duties would be abolished in

four, rather than five years. Duties on industrial goods, such as cars, ass, and shoes, could be abolished in three, rather than five years.

Accompanying quotas on these products in Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania would be raised by 30 percent a year, instead of 20 percent. Quotas on Hungarian goods would be lifted by 25 percent a year, rather than the 15 percent originally planned. Diplomats said the plan was ap-

to be criticized by EC foreign ministers when they meet May 10 because concessions in sensitive sectors such as steel and textiles were likely to cause job losses in the Community

The Eastern European countries would be required to implement Community rules, guarantee democracy and human rights and promote market econom (Reusers, AP, AFP)



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Bonds Pull Stocks To Moderate Gain

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches a late bout of program trading, but NEW YORK — After watching analysts said they were unsure this cond prices rise all afternoon, invesbond prices rise all afternoon, investors went on a late equity-boying spree that pushed the stock market

MARKET DIARY

age rose 18.91 points, to 3.446.46. Rising issues outnumbered de-

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cliners by a 5-to-4 ratio. The bellwether 30-year Treasury bond added 27/32, ending at 103 11/32, where its yield was 6.86 percent, down from 6.92 percent on Friday. The impeus for the rise in bonds

was n weak view of the April economy by the National Association of Purchasing Management. Its indica-tor showed a slight contraction in manufacturing, the first time since September its index was negative.

Although the ontlook for a weak economy raises questions about the counter actives, up 1 to 14½. It corporate earnings and thus stock announced a special \$2-a-share divivalues, equity investors took heart from falling bond yields. There was

which began several hours before. spree that pushed the stock market to a moderate gain on Monday.

The Dow Jones industrial everThe Treasury said it would need to borrow \$37 billion from April to June and \$90 billion in the third quarter to keep the government running, but it did not release its study on its borrowing mix. This report, expected by Wednesday, will indicate whether the government will follow up on President Bill Clinton's campaign pledge to cut long-term borrowings to take advantage of lower short-term rates.

Wal-Mart was the most-active New York Stock Exchange issue, falling 1/2 to 2614.

Citicorp preferred was next, up 1/4 to 19. The company said the rise was related to investment strategies surrounding its first-quarter dividend. Intelligent Electronics led over-

SLUMP: April Data Raise Doubts

edged up to 1.5975 Deutsche marks from 1.5850 on Friday. The dollar fell to 110.75 yen from 111.15. A holiday in London limited currency trading.

The purchasing managers com-tile what is technically known as a

diffusion index, in which their nembers are asked to report whether business is better, worse, or unchanged in the survey month, This kind of index signals changes more clearly, as it did last fall, and now seems to be showing the conomy has stopped its burst of ate autumn and winter and is levelig off at moderate cruising speed. "The decline in the index doesn't recessarily mean business is getting orse, just that it's not getting bet-yr," said Edward Yardeni of C.J. awrence, "I can live with that, but lot of people who don't have jobs ill have trouble."

ward to 2.7 percent from 2.9 per-cent, said one of the causes was soft business sentiment because "this is not a sustained expansion, and no-body knows if it is real."

Sam Kahan of Fuji Securities said he was not surprised by the downturn and also expects growth of just above 2.5 percent. This, he said, is the best that can be expected given the huge structural challenges facing the United States. "The economy will produce jobs, but it will take three, four, or five years," he said, and President Bill Clinton "is making a strategic mistake not saying that to the country."

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said the U.S. economy would grow nearly 3.1 percent this year, Reuters reported from Washington. [He told an audience at the Council of the Americas, that the government forecast was "about the same" as the World Bank's 3.1 percent estimate for the United States, Later, he said, "I doubt we'll David Wyss of DRI/McGraw get to 3.1." but added, "it won't be that far off.]

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Kodak Picks Interim Finance Officer NEW YORK (NYT) - Eastman Kodak Co. named Monday a veterato

executive as its temporary chief financial officer and the outside directors issued a statement expressing limited support of its embattled chairman. Kay R. Whitmore.

C. Michael Hamilton, who was director of finance for the company's [
European, African and Middle Eastern photographic operations, was
named on an interim basis to succeed Christopher J. Steffen, whose
resignation last week as chief financial officer touched off a furor among

Mr. Whitmore emphasized the temporary nature of Mr. Hamilton's appointment by also announcing that he would be moving on to another ob as corporate comptroller on Sept 1.

Microsoft Co-Founder Weighs Online
WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Paul Allen, a co-founder of Microsoft Corp. and chairman of Asymetrix Corp., said Monday he may seek to acquire America Online Inc., one of the leading providers of on-line computer services.

Mr. Allen, who has a 24.9 percent stake in the company, disclosed his intentions in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. He said he may seek representation on America Online's board and also may acquire additional shares of the computer-database information company.

Mr. Allen said America Online's adoption of a shareholder-rights plan, or antital cover defense had appead him to recognide his position as a or antitakeover defense, had caused him to reconsider his position as a passive investor in the company.

Levi Strauss Will Not Invest in China

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) — Levi Strauss & Co., the clothing manufacturer, said Monday it had decided not to invest in China and to reduce its use of contractors in China because of Beijing's human rights

Bob Dunn, the company's vice president of corporate affairs, said an internal task force recently completed a review of the company's business

relationship with China.

The conclusion was that we will not pursue a direct investment at this time, though we are hopeful that the situation will change and that that's something we can do in future," he said.

Coors Plans a Castlemaine Rollout.

CHICAGO (Bloomberg) — Coors Brewing Co. plans a Sept. 13 national rollout of Australia's Castlemaine XXXX beer under a new partnership with Lion Nathan of Auckland, New Zealand. Coors, the principal subsidiary of Adolph Coors Co. of Golden, Colorado, and Lion Nathan each will own 50 percent of the UniBev Ltd.

venture, a new part of Coors's international import division.

The two companies will share equally the operating costs and profits from the parmership. Coors will produce Castlemaine XXXX at its Memphis brewery.

Weekend Box Office

The Associated Press LOS ANGELES - "Indecent Proposal" was the United States's top money maker for another weekend, earning \$7 million at the box office, bringing its gross to nearly \$70 million in four weeks of release. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on Friday ticket sales and estimated

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TRIKE: East Germans Walk Out RUHR: Uphill Struggle to Rebuild

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dramatic rise in rents and other costs that gobbles up as much as half of their disposable incomes. Regarding the longer-term im-pact of the strike, "whether this will" mean layoffs and how many de-

pends on the nature of the compromise," Mr. Geigenberger said. Billboards put up by employers warned the strike would backfire on workers in a region where unemployment and together run about 35 percent. "Anyone striking now is striking

himself," the posters say. Isolde Klötzer, a 41-year-old as-sembly line worker picketing outside an AEG plant in Dresden. told Reuters her only previous contact with walkouts had been television news coverage of strikes in foreign countries. "Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would be on strike," she said. "It's not a very good feeling. You have no idea what's going to happen. You feel

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turing jobs is not easy. A technology park was established in Drusburg in the late 1980s and 30 small Still, such small gains may be the it will rank as a success."

best hope. mann, head of the press and eco-nomics department at the Ruhr Region Communities' Association. What we need is a diversity drawing on our strengths: location in the heart of Europe's biggest market, a highly trained work force and universities with excellent research

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(Continued from first finance page) crisis in the 1950s and 1960s, when competition from cheaper crude oil

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companies, most in software production and microelectronics, have to just one now, said Mr. Klein. "We survived that, so I think we city's harbor, which bustles with can claim some experience with barge traffic, was declared a duty- economic restructuring. But the trade zone in an effort to encourage businesses to settle in Ouisburg. So far, only 375 jobs have been created in that effort.

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"We will not find one industry to throughout the Ruhr. "We cannot completed the detailed planning of their layoffs yet," said Karl Probsting, president of the state labor office in North-Rhine Westfalia, where the Ruhr is located. But a rough guess, including companies that supply the coal and steel industry, is a total of about

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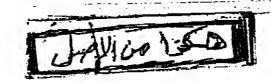
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LONDON - GPA Group PLC, the aircraft-leasing company that is the largest purchaser of commercial jets, is scrambling to avert a financial crisis that could leave the company crippled and even jeopardize its survival

Faced with a severe cash squeeze caused by its rapid expansion just as the airline business went into a steep slump, the company is hurrying to complete a deal with its lenders, suppliers and bondholders before it has to make \$200 million in debt payments in the next two months. At the same time, it is discussing selling a big stake to one or more outside investors, including General Electric Co. of the United States.

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The negotiations are being watched intently, not just by the banks and investors to whom GPA owes \$5.5 billion, but also by aircraft manufacturers, which can ill afford the collapse of a leading customer.

GPA was built into a huge force in the aviation business over the last two decades by Tony Ryan, its chairman. The company buys planes from manufacturers and then leases them to airlines, which often find it less expensive to lease aircraft than to buy them. GPA sells the planes and the leases in a package to

But last year, the company's fortunes went into a downward spiral. Airlines, battered by a pany \$100 million in principal worldwide recession, needed fewer new planes. And the privately held company's plan to raise \$800 million through an initial public stock offering collapsed, leaving it unable to finance its planned

loans until the end of next year and would give back to the compayments made in recent months. in return for higher interest rates. There also appears to be pressure from some banks for management changes at GPA.

But the company has so far

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aircraft purchases and imperiling its ability to repay its debts. For now, the company, which is based in Shannon, Ireland, has arranged to cancel or defer much of the \$12 billion in aircraft orders it had placed with Boeing Co. of Seattle and the Airbus Industrie consortium of Europe, although it is still locked in a dis-pute with McDonnell Douglas

Corp.'s aircraft unit in California. GPA also seems close to agreement with all but a handful of its 138 bank lenders, led by Citibank. Under the proposed deal, people involved in the negotiations said, the banks would defer been unsuccessful in its plan to raise \$200 million from investors, and without new equity it is unclear whether the banks will agree to the deal.

Before they agree to take a chance on financing a turnaround, potential equity investors, and perhaps the banks as well, appear to be pushing GPA to demand that holders of \$2 billion of unsecured high-risk junk bonds pay part of the price for

the company's problems.

Last week, GPA bired Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. to advise it on rearranging the bond debt. People involved in

the negotiations said GPA was not, as rumored, preparing to ask the bondholders to swap the debt for equity in the company, at least not yet.

Instead, they said, the company appeared to be interested in concessions like deferred payment on the bonds. But they added that the situation was changing almost daily and that the banks and potential new equity investors could still force a debtfor-equity swap over the company's objections.

Some analysts said that such a swap, which given the company's weak condition would amount to an admission that the bondholders are unlikely to get their money back, is the only way for GPA to dig itself out of its financial hole. Without equitizing a signifi-

cant portion of the unsecured debt, I believe the company's ability to raise new equity is nil," said Jack Hersch, an analyst at M.J. Whitman in New York, which trades in distressed bank loans and debt securities.

GPA has been trying to raise equity primarily from its existing shareholders, which include banks, other financial institutions and airlines around the world. Its banks had previously made new equity a condition of their debt-rescheduling agreement, but last week GPA said it expected to sign the bank deal before raising new

EMS-Chemie Offer Meant to Solidify **Blocher's Control**

ZURICH - Christoph Blocher. the politician who led the opposicon to Switzerland integrating with other European economies, moved Monday to consolidate his control of EMS-Chemie Holding AG by having the company offer to buy a portion of its bearer shares after it

abandoned acquisition plans. Mr. Blocher, chairman of EMS-Chemie, said the chemical company was offering to buy back up to 250,000 bearer shares at 2,200 Swiss francs (\$1,542) each and would cancel the repurchased stock. If the 550 million franc offer s accepted, Mr. Blocher's stake in the company's overall capital will rise to 64 percent from 53.1 per-cent. Mr. Blocher owns all of the

registered shares in the company.

On the Zurich stock exchange, the bearer shares rose 150 francs, to

2.150 francs. EMS-Chemie had 500 million francs in cash at the end of last month. A company statement said. The high liquidity is not oeeded for operational activities, since, contrary to management expectacons, none of the acquisicons under consideration proved justifi-

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Michelin Stock Falls,

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PARIS - Stock of the French tiremaker Compagnie Generale des

Etablissements Michelin SCA skidded 1.3 percent Monday in heavy

trading, following a 6 percent drop on Friday, after an analyst increased estimates for Michelin's 1993 loss.

Michelin closed at 141.7 francs (\$26.55), down 1.8 francs, as

investors focused on the likely restructuring costs for 1993 and the still deteriorating European car market. New car registrations in

France were down 15 percent from a year earlier during the first 28

days of April, while European car sales were down 17 percent in the

In Germany, meanwhile, the tiremaker Continental AG said it

had swing to a group net profit of 133 million Deutsche marks (\$84 million) in 1992, from a loss of 128.2 million DM in 1991. At parent-company level, Continental reported net profit of 38 million DM,

after a loss of 417.1 million DM a year earlier. Group sales were up

"In view of the difficult economic climate, the supervisory board

considers it premature to resume dividend payments for 1992," the

company said. The board will therefore propose transferring distri-

butable profits of 19.5 million DM to profit reserves to strengthen

Continental's equity. That will benefit shareholders in the long term, the company said.

first quarter of 1993, industry sources said.

3.3 percent at 9.69 billion DM.

dustrial company and a bank," Mr. Blocher said. "EMS wants to remain an industrial company.

The move to strengthen his control of EMS-Chemie came after Union Bank of Switzerland kicked Mr. Blocher off of its board last week. Mr. Blocher is a partner of Martin Ebner, the head of BZ Bank Zurich, which is a rival of and 6.5 percent owner of UBS.

Mr. Blocher denied suggestions he passed insider information to Mr. Ebner, but this did not satisfy UBS. Mr. Blocher and Mr. Ebner hold stakes in Pharma-Vision, an investment company that has large share-holdings in Roche Holding AG, Ciba-Geigy AG and EMS-Chemie.

Besides the allegations of passing information to Mr. Ebner, Mr. Blocher is said to have infuriated UBS by winning the campaign to keep Switzerland out of the European Economic Area. Mr. Blocher, 52, who is a member of parliament, played heavily on traditional Swiss fears of the outside world, claiming the EEA would lead to a loss of Swiss cultural and political identity.

Last year, EMS-Chemie raised its group net profit to 143 Swiss million francs from 99 million francs in 1991.

Mr. Blocher said Monday the holding company, which has a different business year, lifted its profit to 142 million francs in the period ended April 30, 1993, from 45 million francs the year before, due largely to a rise in securities earnings.

Eurotunnel Plans To Boost Capital

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - Enrotunnel SA sought permission from its shareholders on Monday to issue warrants to them

and new stock to Bechtel Group Inc. The company, which is building a tunnel to link Britain and France, also said it expected its trains to be ready to carry cars by the middle of 1994 and buses by September 1994.

Eurotunnel plans to issue up to 56.5 million shares to back the warrants, which would be free to current shareholders and are meant to compensate them for the low price of the company's stock, which made a previous warrant issue worthless. The company's cootract with Bechtel, a construction concern, allows it to make payments in stock. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX)

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Very briefly:

• French gross domestic product at market prices is set to fall by an inse annual average of 0.4 percent this year, analysis of the national accounts commission reported, in a sharp reversal of their view about six months ago, when they predicted a 2.6 percent rise.

■ Deutsche Bank AG's acquisioon of Banco Español de Credito SA's umi Banco de Madrid via its Spanish subsidiary Banco Comercial Transatian tico is the subject of a preliminary anotrust investigation by the EC Pa-Commission: the interested parties have 10 days to submit comments under the EC merger regulations.

 Cerus SA, the French holding company of Carlo De Benedetti, wil slash in half the cominal value of its shares, to 100 francs from 200 francs; cutting its registered share capital to 2.473 billion francs (\$463 million) he The move is intended to offset accumulated losses of 2.429 billion francs

STET SpA, the Italian state-controlled telecom holding company, said in its 1992 oet profit jumped 47 percent, helped by stronger earnings at al its subsidiaries. Consolidated net profit rose to 1.425 trillion lire (\$95i billion) from 971 billion lire in 1991. Consolidated sales increased 11 a percent to 27.167 trillion lire from 22.964 trillion.

• CGIP said it had sold 1.85 million shares in Cap Gemini Sogeti it 1. Londoo on Friday at the prevailing market price, A CGIP executive saithis represented half CGIP's holding in Cap Gemini, or 4.41 percent ch Cap Gemini's capital. The sale would have a value of 358 million france based on Friday's closing price of 193.5 francs.

• Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA confirmed that its Central Soja France un bad acquired Neolait, a former SmithKline Beecham PLC unit the specializes in direct distribution of vitamin additives and other trea ments for dairy cattle. Neolait had sales of 300 million francs in 1992.

• VDO Adolf Schindling AG, the automotive-technology subsidiary of Mannesmann AG, said it would swing to a loss in 1993 and announced would cut 1,300 jobs over the next 12 months from a work force of 8,30 VDO said the cuts were needed because of a "dramatic price war." • Kugelfischer Georg Schaefer KG2A, an unprofitable ball-bearing mak

said it might close eight of its 17 plants. It added that its board he decided to transform the company into a joint-stock company. Thusz Rt, a Hungarian bus maker, said it had a consolidated net loss

1.75 billion forints (\$20.4 million) last year, compared with a year-earli profit of 6.4 million forints. The company said most business activiti showed losses, but the results were also hurt by ooe-time charges. AFP, AFX, Bloomberg, Reut.

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Paris Sells Off Egyptian Debt

CAIRO - France is auctioning off about \$100 million of Egyptian debt in an pioneer program to sell off billions of dollars of debt in developing countries at a discount to potential investors there.

Bankers in Cairo said Monday that Coface, the French exportcredit guarantee agency, offered 500 million francs (\$94.4 million) of trade debt about two weeks ago and was still processing bids, which have mostly been from Egyptian and Arab investors.

"For France it's the start of an ambitious program," a French banker said. "They will anction off all their Egyptian debt in quarterly batches if there is enough demand and are looking to do the same with Latin American debt."

He added that Coface's exposure in Egypt was between \$2 billion and \$5 billion.

Under the deal, Coface will dis-

count the debt to less than half its face value, corresponding with a Paris Chib agreement to forgive 50 percent of Egypt's bilateral debt once it completes an economic reform program imposed by the In-

ternational Monetary Fund. The investors can then resell the debt to Egypt's central bank at a guaranteed profit - but only as long as they put the money in productive investment or equity stakes in Egypt.

Britain and Belgium's export credit agencies have sold off quantioes of debt to banks including Citibank and Bank of America, which have traded it oo secondary

But the Coface deal was the first of its kind, aiming to attract individ-ual investors and build momentum to sell off all its debt to Egypt. The buy-back deal by the Egyptian cen-tral bank makes it a transparent test of investor confidence in Egypt.

Egypt's Paris Club debt was about \$26 billion before the IMF agreement in 1991.

Cairo's external debt totaled \$40.57 billion at the start of the year, almost 90 percent of it public and publicly guaranteed. Egypt's Gulf and U.S. allies wrote off about \$15 billion of debt in 1991 because of the key role Egypt played in forming the alliance that drove Iraq out of Kuwait.

Colace reopened medium-term credit cover to Egypt for contracts with the private sector two months ago to encourage Cairo to press ahead with its reform program. which includes privatization and trade liberalization.

Uoder the IMF program, Egypt has already qualified for 15 percent forgiveness of its Paris Club debt and is due to qualify for another 15 percent when it signs a second reform package with the IMF in the next few months.

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Samsung Acquires U.S. Producer of **Telecoms Chips**

SEOUL — Samsung Electronics o. said Monday that it had cought Harris Microwave Semionductor, a leading U.S. maker of emiconductors, to beef up its tele-

communications business.

The purchase, for which finanial details were not disclosed, is part of Samsung's strategy of seckng links with foreign companies. It has signed half a dozen such accords since December.

"The aim of our strategic alliunces with the world's big names is n meet the market situation more eadily, in sales, technological derelopment and production," said Kim Hyun Kon, executive managng director of Samsung Electroncs's planning department.

By acquiring HMS, Samsung ons set the stage to produce gallium-arsenide chips which will help strengthen its international competitiveness in the telecommunicanions sector," a Samsung spokes-

South Korean electronics companies rely on imports, mostly from the United States, for domestic supplies of the gallium-arsenide semi-conductors, the Samsung spokesman said. Harris Microwave, which supplied products mainly to the U.S. defense industry, had financial difficulties following Washington's defense cutbacks.

cooperation with foreign companies would help it keep potential rivals in Hong Kong and Taiwan at bay. Samsung hopes its foreign ties will solve another weakness — its chip-production facilities, more than 90 percent of which are currently imported.

in December, Samsung Electronics linked with Texas Instruments Inc. of the United States to produce dynamic random-access memory chips and advanced logic products in Portugal.

The same month, it signed a technical agreement with Toshiba Corp. of Japan to develop 16-megabit flash-memory chips and to cooper-

By Michael Richardson

International Herold Tribune .

SINGAPORE - East Asian na-

tions are likely to increase their com-

petitive edge against Western ex-porters if the European Community and the United States proceed with

would raise the cost of oil to manni-

said Monday that their govern-ments had no plans to follow the

West in imposing substantial tax increases on oil products to raise

revenues and reduce pollution and

Two months later, Samsung struck a deal with Japan's Oki Electric Industry Ltd. to jointly produce next-generation 16-megabit D-RAM chips, which will have a memory five times bigger than con-

ventional 16-megabit D-RAMs. More recently, it bought a 20 percent stake in Microsystems Inc. of the United States, agreeing to jointly develop and produce digital signal processors, chips used for high-definition TVs.

Samsning also teamed up with General Instrument Corp. of the United States to cooperate on its The gallium-arsenide chip used

to produce high-tech telecommunications equipment and other integrated information systems has an information-processing speed about six times faster than that of semiconductors made of silicon.

In the future, Samsung's contacts with foreign concerns will focus more on diversifying its product portfolio — increasing its output of lucrative, nonmemory chips that currently account for only 25 percent of its chip production.

Samsung said it planned to in-crease its semiconductor sales to \$2.3 billion this year.

ADB Is Stretched for Funds Bank to Ask Members to Double Capital

MANILA - The Asian Development Bank will try to convince donors, including the traditionally reluctant United States, to support a doubling of its authorized capital to \$46.4 billion during its three-day annual meeting, which opens Tuesday.

The bank, which has provided billions of dollars

in loans and grants to developing countries, is facing a growing challenge of belong Asia revitalize its overloaded cities on a shrinking pool of

Although the president of the ADB, Kimimasa Tarumizu, says most of the bank's 52 members favor the increase, which would cover operations from 1994 through 1998, it will have to overcome traditional opposition from the United States.

Washington is the second-largest ADB shareholder after Japan, and it has had fittle sympathy for increasing lending to the powerhouse econo-mics of Asia during the past 12 years of Republi-

Bank officials say they hope for more leeway from the government of President Bill Clinton. Asia has the world's highest economic growth rates, but it is also home to two-thirds of the world's poor - some 800 million people living in poverty, most of them in polluted crowded cities. More than half the \$5.1 billion the Manila-based bank lent to its member countries last year went toward revamping the region's cities through energy, communications and transportation projects. The bank's loans totaled \$4.78 billion in 1991. The emphasis on urbanization is likely to con-

time through the decade. The urban growth that took a century or more in the West has taken only about 25 years in Asia, the

ADB estimates. It is overrunning what in many cases was already very limited infrastructures.

This is happening everywhere in Asia - in relatively rich countries like South Korea and poor countries like Bangladesh," said Boon Koo Lee, the ADB's senior urban development specialist We are just having to deal with a lot more people in a lot less time."

Asian cities house about 1.3 billion people, more than half of whom live in what the World Health Organization calls "conditions of extreme deprivation." Between migration and a high birth rate, Asia's urban neighborhood is expanding by about 1.7 million people a week.

In a special section of its 1992 annual report, the ADB said with such rapid urbanization seven of Asia's cities — Beijing, Calcutta, Guangzhou, Manila, Shanghai, Shenyang and Xian — were among the world's 20 most polluted.

Even if the bank gets approval to double its capital in talks later this year, it will have to increasingly rely on cooperation with other institu-tions and the private sector for funding.

Funds for the ADB's lending come from capital paid in by member countries, repaid loans, and interest and borrowings on capital markets, primarily through issuing bonds.

Competition for luring money to the region has tightened as domestic financial woes force the socalled rich countries to focus on issues closer to home. The likely addition of six former Soviet republics — Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan — to the bank's membership soon will further strain its

India Can't **Shake Off** Stock Affair

NEW DELHI - India's stock market has been so weakened by the financial scandal last year that the mere hint of bad news can depress stock prices, and a lower-than-expected earnings rise at a major issuer rattled investors on Monday. Reliance Industries Ltd. said its

carnings in the financial year that ended March 31 nearly doubled, rising to 3.21 billion rupees (\$103.0 llion) from 1.63 billion, but the market had been expecting a result of 3.4 billion to 4.0 billion rupees. Depressed by the results, the

Bombay Stock Exchange index fell 42.19 points, to 2,080.11, and the national index dropped 18.97 points, to 946.27. Reliance shares in Delhi fell 7 rupees, to 174.
"We will have to look more deeply to see what adjustments have been made by the company and whether it can maintain its profits

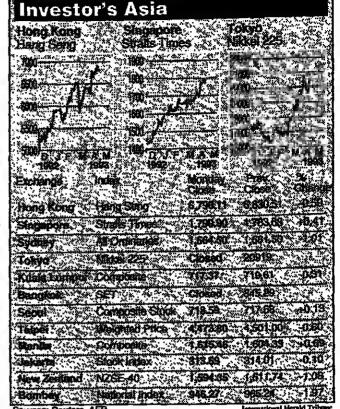
in the coming year," said Srinivas Subramanian, chief representative of HG Asia Ltd. He said market expectations were high because the company had posted a six-month profit of 1.82 billion rupees

Reliance was the first big company to announce its profits. "Results for some other major companies expected in the next two weeks may be real bad," said Sunil Kothari of the

Nagindas Kothari brokerage. There are several reasons why the market is so skittish. A little over a year ago, the Bombay Stock Exchange index was at a record high of 4,467,32. But investors realized that last year's peak was artificially propped up by funds that were illeby diverted by brokers and bankers from the banking system. They also knew as soon as the \$1.3 hillion scandal was exposed that prices must tumble, Mr. Kothari said.

In addition, the market is awash with securities after a flood of rights and new issues, and confience was badly bruised by a wave of Hindu-Muslim riots that caused the deaths of 1,700 people.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)



Very briefly:

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South Korea's trade deficit fell to \$94 million in April, from a shortfall
of \$470 million a year earlier, the Ministry of Trade said.

China has agreed in participate in a \$3 billion joint venture with Indonesia's Napan group, the Barito Pacific group and the Bimantara group to build an oil refinery and fertilizer plant in Indonesia.

• PT Summt Cocoindo of Indonesia and Sunshine Allied Investments Ltd. of Britain have agreed in set up a cocoa-processing mill in north Sumatra, an official at the Indonesian Cocoa Association said.

• Seapower International Holdings Ltd. has agreed to sell 55 percent of its Seabase International Holdings Ltd. investment unit to China National Cereals, Oils and Foodstuffs Import & Export Corp. for \$50 million. · Jardine Machinery Taiwan Ltd., a subsidiary of Jardine Matheson

Holdings Ltd., has acquired the Taiwan distributorship for the U.S. machinery maker Caterpillar Inc., Jardine said. Burns Philp & Co., the food and hardware company, said net operating

profit rose 21.6 percent to \$74.8 million Australian dollars (\$53.4 million); 1 in the nine months to March 31, from 61.5 million dollars a year earlier .. : • Kumagai Gumi (Hong Kong) Ltd. added Wang Jun, executive director, and president of China International Trust & Investment Corp., to its board of directors.

 Jakarta International Hotel said it planned to build a \$250 million fivestar hotel in central Jakarta with Conrad Hotels, a subsidiary of Hilton

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lefense cutbacks. Industry analysts said Sarosung's Stock Rises as Malaysia Mining Quits Tin

KUALA LUMPUR - Shares of Malaysia Mining Corp. jumped Monday as investors hailed the decision by the world's largest integrated tin company to quit the

Malaysia Mining is giving up a long battle against depressed in prices, but its move deals a body blow to the country that once ruled the world tin industry.

However, the decision was greeted positively by the stock market, where Malaysia Mining shares

at 3.08 ringgit (\$1.20) a share. The tin mining, which has been the million ringgit, after 52.29 million concentrate in other sectors, particularly engineering activities."

"The impact will be more psy-chological than bottom line," said Choong Khnat Hock of Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities. "Im mining has been so important to Malaysia for over 100 years."

Malaysia Mining said Friday it had "resolved to cease tin mining operations in Malaysia" after suffering losses for a third straight jumped 20 Malaysian cents to close year. It was cutting itself loose from

news is good for the shares," said an heart of its entire corporate life, as in 1992. Revenue fell to 504.09 milanalyst, because the company "can it saw no recovery from the slump lion ringgit from 555.49 million.

> 14.01 ringgit per kilogram, down seven cents from Friday and near Prices are currently at levels of a Ltd. and Ashton Mining Ltd. year ago, but down from 30 ringgit fore the 1985 collapse.

Malaysia Mining reported a 19.4

caused by the world im market The company provided for a write-collapse in 1985.

Tin prices on Monday fell to its im mines and 22.92 million ringgit as an investment write-off. Tin losses were offset by income

the record low of 13.99 ringgit, due from engineering works and gold to poor buying support as markets and diamond mining in Australia in Japan and Britain were closed. via interests in Platonic Resources Malaysia Mining produces the bulk of Malaysia's tin production,

which fell to 14,339 metric tons in percent fall in net profit for the 1992, the lowest level since 1946, year ended Jan. 31, 1993, to 42.14 from 20,710 tons in 1991. Once the 1992, the lowest level since 1946, world's largest producer, Malaysia was ranked fifth based on last year's output after China, Brazil, Indonesia and Bolivia, which have lower costs and larger deposits.

"Malaysia's ontput is likely to be halved," said Redzwan Sumun, ex-

Industry officials said low prices Ali Ahmed al-Baghli, Kuwait's oil attention to the manufacturing in-minister and chairman of Kuwait dustry, meant that Malaysian min-Petroleum Cosp., said that during ers were not keen to explore for

Shenzhen Set to Launch Index Futures

SHENZHEN, China - China's southern special economic zone of Shenzhen hopes to join the ranks of global financial centers like Tokyo. Clincago and London by launching stock-index futures, a senior market official said Monday.

Zhang Luohui, depury president of the Shenzhen Metal Exchange, said that the new contract Shenzhen A shares. Although A shares are re-served for Chinese investors, it has not yet been decided whether foreigners will be allowed to buy

"I think trading could start before the end of the year," Mr. Zhang said in an interview.

Under China's economic-reform program, a number of markets have emerged in the city. The Now the two are competing for the right to set up stock-index contracts. The metals exchange bases its claim on the fact that it will manage the Shenzhen Futures Ex-

stock market officially opened in 1991, although

share trading had been going on for some time before, and the metals exchange followed last year.

change, which opens on July 1. The Shenzhen government seri

The Shenzhen government scrapped its original plan for setting up a separate futures exchange after Beijing ordered that the rapid spread of futures markets, which now number more than 20 nationwide, should be controlled.

Instead, municipal authorities asked the metals

exchange, which already has spot and forward contracts in seven nonferrous metals including copper. aluminum, tin, nickel and lead, to launch new con-tracts under a separate name, Mr. Zhang said.

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ence co-sponsored by the Interna- munity would add \$10 to the cost tional Herald Tribune and The Oil Daily, the officials, from Japan and other countries in the region, said that Asian states preferred to concentrate on tightening pollution standards, such as cutting the

Asian Oil Stands to Gain From Energy Taxes

"We believe that is sufficient to overcome environmental prob-lems," said Azizan bin Zainal Ahidin, president and chief executive officer of Petronas, Malaysia's

of a barrel of oil by the end of the decade. This is about half the current market price. An energy tax that is before the

U.S. Congress would add \$3.50 to domestic oil prices by 1996, aldent Bill Clinton has promised exemptions for several areas.

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Toshiaki Ushijima, director of planning and economics at Mitsu- ecutive secretary of the Association hishi Oil Co. in Tokyo, said that of Tin Producing Countries, fol-Japanese trade officials opposed lowing the Malaysia Mining anthe introduction of a Western-style nouncement. "I doubt the small energy tax because it would make mines can make up the slack." Japan "lose competitiveness, espe-

talks in Tokyo last week Japanese officials expressed "fear that higher energy taxes will lead to the migration of industries to other countries officer of Petronas, Malaysia's state petroleum corporation.

Oil-company executives, said that a so-called carbon tax being considered by the European Com-

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SPORTS BASEBA

A Fantasy or Not, The Islanders Have **Edge on Penguins**

By Joe Lapointe New York Times Service PITTSBURGH -- If the New

York Islanders play 500 against the Pintsburgh Penguins for the next six games, they will eliminate the two-time defending champions from the Stanley Cup playoffs. How's that for fantasy?

"It's my dream," said Darius Ka-sparaitis, the Lithuanian defense-

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man who played well in the Islanders' 3-2 victory on Sunday. "This would be big boom in America. Sensation. Isles are like regular team against best team in NHL."

The prospect of the Islanders knocking out the Penguins seemed a little less dreamlike after the upset in Game I gave New York the home-ice advantage in the four-of-seven-game Patrick Division finals.

Certainly the Penguins were flat. partly because Mario Lemieux left early with back spasms — the sta-tus of the NHL's regular-senson scoring champion for the rest of the series was uncertain - and partly because they had five days off after taking their series against the New Jersey Devils, four games to one, But the Islanders were without

their top scorer, Pierre Turgeon, who was lost for at least this series after his right shoulder was separated when he was rammed in in the boards by Washington's Dale Hunter last Wednesday.

So the Islanders beat the Penguins with two short-handed goals, several fine saves by goalie Glenn Healy and a grinding pace that quieted the capacity crowd and disrupted the fast flow that Pittsburgh prefers.

"We just walked in and stole the game," said the Islanders' Brad Dal-game. "We didn't see their best, but they didn't see our best either."

The game's pivotal moment came late in the first period, after the Islanders had killed off Pittsburgh's two-man advantage that lasted for 82 seconds when the score was still I-1.

Ray Ferraro left the penalty box and saw the puck hop over the stick of Pittsburgh's Larry Murphy at Toronto Milwoukee the New York blue line.

Ferraro scooped it up, raced lown the middle of the ice, bore in on Tom Barrasso, laked him down with a left-to-right move and pushed it over the goal line with a nackhanded shot. The sbort-handd goalgave the Islanders a lead hey never relinquished. Ferraro das nine goals in seven playoff games this year, most in the league. Moments before, Healy had rtopped three consecutive shots. the third a blast by Murphy that clealy didn't see until after it wounced off his left clow and sent Son Francisco him writhing to the ice. 8 "Everybody said that Pittsburgh was going to sweep us." Healy said. The guys read that and that got us

"Lemieux left the Penguins" gench just 2:34 in to the first period after a collision with the Islanders "rad Delgarno, but the Penguins" each, Scotty Bowman, said he didn't think that had aggravated Lemieux's back. Charles Burke, an orthopedist who has treated Lemieux's back problems in the past, was called to the locker room. Lemieux did not practice last Thursday or Friday after his fiancee gave birth to a baby girl. But he skated Saturday and appeared

healthy and upbeat. ■ In other games, The Associated Press reported:

Canucks 5, Kings 2: Vancouver snapped out of its power play slump with two extra-man goals in the first period. The Canucks were 4 for 29 on

power plays in the six-game semifinal against Winnipeg, but Dixon Ward and Geoff Courtnall had half that putput in the first 20 minutes as Vancouver led, 3-1.

The visiting Kings were coming off two nine-goal games in the semifinals, but all they could man-age against Kirk McLean were outshot, 42-27.

Canadiens 4, Sabres 3: Vincent Damphousse scored 6:50 into the third period to give Montreal its opening-game victory despite beg outshot, 35-22.

Benoit Brunet, Kirk Muller and Paul DiPietro also scored for Montreal, which led by 3-1 in the second period. Alexander Mogilny, Dale Hawerchuk and Donald Audette. scored for the visiting Sabres, who were playing their first game since the upset sweep of first-place Boston in the first round.

DiPietro, who had three goals in the series-clinching sixth game with Quebec, didn't have his goal counted until video replays showed the puck had crossed the line.



The Angels' Luis Polonia slid under the tag, and John Valentin, to steal second but the Red Sox ran their record to 9-1 in Fermay Park.

age against Kirk McLean were goals by Mike Donnelly and Wayne Gretzky. Los Angeles was outbox of 2.73.

No-hit fever hits Arlington Stadium in Texas even when a pitcher

just substitutes for Nolan Ryan. Robb Nen, who took the injured Ryan's spot in the rotation, beld the Milwaukee Brewers hitless until Greg Vaughn doubled with two outs in the sixth inning of the Rangers' 13-2 romp Sunday.

Jose Canseco made it easy for Nen, driving in four runs with a homer and a single, giving him 1,000 hits in the majors. Dean Palmer also hit a two-run homer for Texas, which tied a team record with seven doubles.

Nen will likely be sent back to

who has a record seven no-hitters, returns to the rotation next weekend, as expected. "It's fine with me wherever they

want me to go," Nen said. He lasted six innings, allowing AL ROUNDUP

two hits, walking three and striking "I wasn't even thinking no-hitter," Nen said. "That's something you don't worry about until you get into the eighth or minth innings."

In earlier games, reported in some Monday editions of the International Herald Tribune: Orioles 4, Royals 3: Harold straight time by singling home the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth in Baltimore. Red Sox 4, Angels 3: Boston, off to its best start at Fenway Park, 9-1.

there of California since Angust 1978 as Mike Greenwell and Billy Hatcher each drove in two runs. Twins 6. Tigers 3: Kirby Puckett hit a go-abead home run in the eighth in Tiger Stadium as Minnesota won its second straight follow-

ing an eight-game losing streak.
Indians 10, Athletics 2: Junior
Ortiz, replacing injured catcher
Sandy Alomar Jr., got three hits. scored three times and drove in two runs while Wayne Kirby had four

Cleveland handed visiting Oakland its seventh loss in nine games.
Blue Jays 6, White Sox 1: Paul

Molitor homered for Toronto while Pat Hentgen and Danny Cox held completed its first three-game sweep Chicago to five hits in ending the six-game Sox streak. Yankees 3, Mariners 2: Bernie

Williams drew a bases-loaded walk from Norm Charlton with two outs in the bottom of the 10th as New

York swept its three-game series with visiting Seattle. The Mariners played their sec-ond straight game without All-Star center fielder Ken Griffey Jr. He sprained his right wrist making a diving catch Friday night, and is listed as day-to-day.

Gooden Saves Mets From Padres Sweep

Dwight Gooden has rescued the New York Mets, again.

added an RBI double and a single as the Mets snapped a seven-game losing streak by beating the Padres. 3-2, Sunday in San Diego. Gooden struck out seven and

walked two en route to his second complete game of the season. It was as close to a must victory as a team can get this early in the season.

Relief pitcher Jeff lumis said

Gooden had a look of "angry determination" before the game. "He was sick of it. He wanted to stop it. be was the one to do it, he knew it and he did it." .

The Mets scored twice on four hits in the second inning. Dave Gallagher doubled and scored on Todd Hundley's two-out single. Then Gooden, the NL's best-hitting pitcher last year at .264, hit a fly ball to the base of the fence in left-center to score Hundley from

Gallagher's eighth-inning sacri-lice fly broke a 2-2 tie and kept the Padres from sweeping the three-game series and reaching 500 for the first time this year.

But even Gooden could not stop Tony Gwynn, who went 2-for-4 to extend his hitting streak to nine games and raise his average to .327. He was 11-for-14 in the series.

Phillies 9, Dodgers 1: Lenny Dykstra had three firts, two in Philadelphia's six-run third inning, while Terry Mulholland held the Dodgers to six hits in Los Angeles.
Milt Thompson and John Kruk
also had three hits each for the Phillies, whose 18-6 record is the best in the majors. They have won

five of six against the Dodgers, whose 9-16 record is one of base-

ball's worst,

who earlier had homered, hit a runscoring single in the 11th to beat visiting Montreal and give San He pitched a seven-hitter and Francisco its sixth straight victory. Bonds has eight homers and 28

The Giants, first in the NL West, began their rally on Willie McGee's one-out single. He got to second on Darren Lewis's grounder to shortstop by before Bonds singled.

Rockies 2, Martins 1: Alex Cole's two-out, two-run single in the eighth beat Colorado in Miami. Dave Magadan hit a long fly to

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right-center field in the bottom of the eighth, and replays showed the ball hit a railing beyond the wall before bouncing back onto the field. Umpires ruled it in play rather than a homer, however, and Ma-gadan was stranded at second. Then Darren Holmes got his second save when catcher Joe Girardi tagged out Walt Weiss at the plate for the final out.

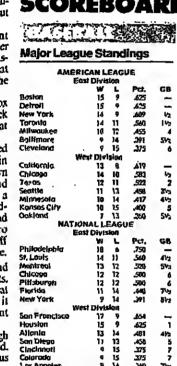
In earlier games, reported in , some Monday editions of the International Herald Tribune:

Braves 4, Cardinals 3: David Justice, batting .183 entering the game in Atlanta, his a two-run homer with two outs in the eighth to beat St. Louis.

Pirates 6, Astros 2: Jeff King hit his first two homers of the season and drove in four runs as visiting Pittsburgh ended Houston's five-game winning streak.

Cabs 4, Reds 3: Mike Morgan scattered three hits in seven innings as Chicago won in Cincinnati. The Cubs batted around for three runs in the third off John Smiley, the left-hander who signed a four-Ill's worst. year, \$18.4 million contract with Giants 4, Expos 3: Barry Bonds, the Reds last November.

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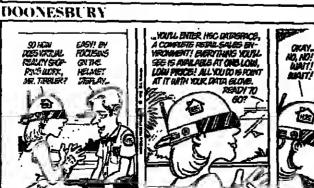










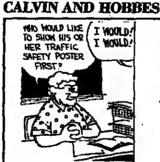




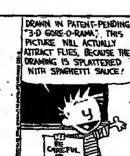


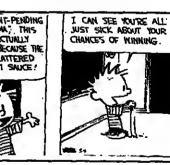












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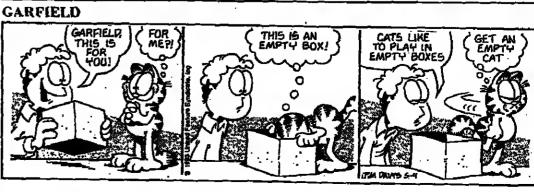


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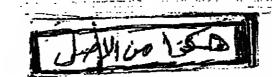


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Seles in Colorado, Leaving A Troubled Sport Behind

HAMBURG - Monica Seles, the world's top-ranked woman tennis player, has flown to Denver on a private jet and reportedly is en route to Vail, Colorado, where the renowned orthopedic surgeon, Richard Steadman, is ex-

pected to examine the back wound inflicted when she was stabbed Friday.

Dr. Steadman has previously treated Seles, and other prominent athletes, at the Steadman Hawkins Clinic at Vail Valley Medical Center. Seles's 11/2-centimeter wound, between her shoulder blades, is expected to keep her from playing for at least a month. That would keep her out of the French Open, which begins May 24 in Paris. She is the three-time defending champion of that tournament, and she may also miss Wimbledon, beginning one month later, which is the only Grand Slam title she hasn't won.

The 19-year-old Seles was released Sunday from University Hospital in Hamburg, where she stayed two nights under heavy police guard. Her agent, Stephanie Tolleson, said Seles will remain under medical supervision for an "undetermined period of time.

Seles was stabbed during a quarterfinal match in the Citizen Cup tournamen here by a 38-year-old East German, Günter Parche, who was charged with attempted murder after telling police he wanted No. 2 Steffi Graf of Germany in be able to replace Seles as the topranked women's tennis player. A Hamburg newspaper quoted Parche's aunt, Irma Pieckardt, as saying that she had given him the knife to use in cut bread and sausages on his trip. from Nordhausen to Hamburg.

Tennis officials hope that the tour's leading woman star will be able to return to the game

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U.S. Probes Kanemaru Links To Riviera Golf Club in L.A.

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Two federal law enforcement agencies have begun a money laundering probe to determine whether funds used in the \$108 million purchase of the Riviera Country Club golf course came from Shin Kanemaru, the Japanese political power broker who has been accused of links to organized crime.

Kaneo Watanabe and his son, Noboru, who bought the course in 1989, have denied wrongdoing but acknowledge close ties to Kanemaru, who was arrested March 6 on tax evasion charges. The Watanabes' development company, Marukin Corp., allegedly beloed hide some of Kanemaru's illicit assets, according to re-

For the Record

Don Chancy was hired Monday as coach of the Detroit Pistons, replacing Ron Rothstein who was fired after one season. Jim McGovern birdied the 18th hole to force a playoff in the Houston Open, then birdied the

second playoff hole to beat Jim Hustoo and win his first U.S. PGA Tour event. (AP)
Terry Davis, a Dalias Mavericks forward,
shattered his left elbow in a car accident that killed a passenger near Davis' hometown of South Boston, Virginia. (AP)

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Heavyweight Tommy Morrison on his June 7 match with George Foreman: "I have an nament victory by beating 10th-seeded Nathaexpose.

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without suffering extended physical or psychological damage from the attack. In a move as unique as the attack, the Women's Tennis Association said that Scles's world ranking will not be penalized for her forced early withdrawal from the Citizen Cup.

But Graf could become No. 1 following the French Open, should Seles fail to return. More important, obviously, are the long-term effects of the attack upon Seles.

"Just the impact of this, once it settles in what's occurred, has to have a traumatic effect," said the WTA's executive director, Gerard Smith, who was in Hamburg at the time of the attack. "We've told the Seleses to call us with anything, and that we'll certainly entertain any request they might have. We only want to give them all the support we possibly can to help her get over this, if she can ever get over it."

Each tournament is responsible for its security arrangements, but Smith said he expected the WTA to engage a security consultant to make overall recommendations. He said he will also will ask all tournaments to review their security

"In retrospect, could we have done more and should we have done more?" Smith said. "The answer is always yes. We want to do everything we can to assure the security of our players, but I don't think we'll ever be in the position of being able to provide them 100 percent protection

The attack on Seles revealed, in the harshest terms, the vulnerability of the sport's young millionaires, who often appear blind to every-day problems. The challenge for tennis will be to institute lessons learned from the incident, without allowing one man with a knife to succeed in disrupting the atmosphere that has elevated the sport to among the world's most popular spectator attractions.

Team competition has long incited spectator violence in Europe, but tennis officials could not recall a similar attack aimed at an athlete in an individual sport. Graf and Jana Novoma, who met in a semifinal at the Citizen Cup the day after the attack on Seles, are among the players who have asked that tennis not erect the fences and player shelters that are common-

Alan Mills, the referee at Wimbledon, the Hamburg tournament and others, said he donbted that fences would be erected in London, although, he added, the decision was not

Noting that only a short fence separates spectators and players at the Wimbledon courts and most other tournaments, Mills said, "It's a matter where they can just pick their moment and jump up. Whether they can get to where they're going is another matter. If somebody is as determined as this man apparently was, I don't know how much can be done about it. If the person is determined enough, he can go find out where the player is staying and just sit in the

"This man, apparently, he'd already got a plane ticket to Rome. If he'd missed her at Hamburg, he was going to have another go in

At the women's Italian Open, which began Monday in Rome, authorities stepped up security for the clay court tournament because of the attack on Seles.

I never thought something like that would happen on the tennis courts, said Iva Majoli, who pulled off the first day's biggest upset. Majoli, a 15-year-old from Croatia who lives

guarded center court match.

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Patrick Ewing bounded by Dutch center Rik Smits as the Knicks gobbled up the Pacers, 101-91, for a 2-0 series lead. Smits scored 29 points; Ewing got 25 despite fool trouble.

Suns Face Elimination As Lakers Win, 86-81

By Helene Elliott

Las Angeles Times Service

PHOENIX, Arizona — They held onto each other and thrust their first in the air, two specks of availaged and cold hobbies in a case of availaged. of purple and gold bobbing in a sea of outraged orange. And at the same time Byron Scott hugged Vlade Divac, Scott also embraced the Los Angeles Lakers' storied past and their improbably happy present.

"It felt like old times," Scott said after the Lakers beat the Phoenix Suns, 86-81, on Sunday, pushing the National Basketball Association's top team to the brink of playoff elimination. And, added Scott, "I can't tell you how much

The Lakers had so much fun playing a poised, intelligent game down the stretch in Friday's opener that they did it again Sunday to shock the Suns and take a 2-0 lead back to the

Forum for Game 3 on Tuesday. "I couldn't believe it," said Divac, who had 19 points, 13 rebounds and three blocked shots. "Before this series, if somebody asked me if we were going to beat Phoenix twice, I would have said. 'No way.' I expected we would win once. but I didn't think we would win twice. But in the NBA playoffs, everything is dif-

ferent from the season." After Tom Chambers's free throws put the Suns ahead, 80-77, with 2:57 to go, the Lakers ourscored Phoenix by 9-1, much like their 9-0 run at the end of Friday's game. They held the

Suns to 11 points in the fourth quarter, the fewest points by an opponent in a quarter this season and an all-time playoff low for Phoenix. "I think it was a very bad time for me to have my worst game of the year," said the Suns' Charles Barkley, who scored one point in the

last quarter and 18 overall on eight-of-24 shooting. "I'm disappointed 1 played so badly. I think that was the difference in the game."

A 3-pointer by James Worthy a split second before the 24-second clock expired tied the score at 80 with 2:29 to play. Then Divac, after rebounding a miss by Kevin Johnson, made a hook shot before the buzzer to give the Lakers a

lead they refused to relinquish.

A dunk by Divac made it 84-80, and although be missed a free throw and Barkley made one, Scott applied the final flourish with a

jumper from the right side with 16.1 seconds left for the last of his 17 points. Only three teams have won a best-of-five series after losing first two games, but none did it after losing twice on its home floor. The New York Knicks rallied past the Boston Celtics in Utah Jazz in 1987 and the 1956 Fort Wayne Pistons defeated the St. Louis Hawks in the Western Division finals.

The Suns have never won a playoff series of any length on the 10 occasions they trailed, 2-0. And no top-seeded team has lost a series to an

eighth-seeded team.
"I still think we're going to win the series," said the Suns' Paul Westphal, who is making his playoff coaching debut. "We have to go to L.A. and win the next game, and the next game and then come back here and win the series and everybody will say what a great series it was."

Buils 117, Hawks 102: Any chance the visiting Hawks may have seemed to have was effec-

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tively wiped out at the halftime buzzer when Michael Jordan hit a 45-fonter for a 56-49 lead. Jordan finished with 29 points, none bigger than the 3 just before halftime.

"The momentum shifted after Michael hit that 3-pointer," said the Bulls' coach, Phil Jackson. "That helped us, because we kept shooting ourselves in the foot." The Hawks return to Atlanta knowing they

at least cut into Chicago's domination on the boards. The Bulls outrebounded the Hawks, 50-41, on Sunday, a lot closer than the 62-28 difference in the opener.

Dominique Wilkins led Atlanta with 37 points while Kevin Willis had 26 and 13 rebounds. Scottie Pippen added 25 for the two-time defending champion Bulls.

Jazz 89, SuperSonies 85: Karl Malone rebounded from what he called a bad opening game with 26 points, eight in the final six minutes when be was playing with five fouls, as visiting Utah evened the series and gained the nome court advantage.

Gary Payton led Seattle with 19 points. Shawn Kemp, who outscored Malone by 29-24 in the opener, was held to 13.

The Jazz, who trailed by 74-71 with 6:13 left, got crucial final-minute baskets from Mark Eaton and Malone.

It was 85-83 Jazz after Seattle's Sam Perkins made a 3-pointer with 1:18 to go, but Eaton tipped in a missed shot by Malone with 51 seconds left.

Payton hit a 10-footer after grabbing an offensive rebound to cut Utah's lead to 87-85. But Malone sealed the victory with an 18-footer with 13.9 seconds left after the Jazz used almost the entire 24-second shot clock with some nice

Celtics' Captain Abruptly Checks Out of Cardiac Ward

BOSTON - Reggie Lewis, the Boston Celtics' captain and leading scorer, who collapsed during his team's opening playoff game with what has been diagnosed as a heart abnormality, checked out of one hospital and into another early Monday, disassociating himself from

Lewis was reported to be in "stable condition and undergoing further tests" at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

His departure from New England Baptist Hospital in Boston shortly after midnight "was a surprise," said Jim Raturay, a spokesman for

He said Lewis left with his wife, Donna, an unidentified friend and a representative of Brigham and Women's, whom the Boston ition" had been completed and cardiac abnor
"I'm just out to get some fresh air," Lewis hospital Friday. He hriefly left a game against said when asked why he was leaving. "The Miami on March 24 complaining of dizziness."

Globe identified as George Kaye, that hospital's vice president of human resources.

The Globe said it was told by a source who spoke on condition of anonymity that Lewis's wife had asked him to leave the hospital because she was upset at being left out of a meeting Sunday that included the Celtics' team doctor, Arnold Scheller, the Celtics' executive vice president. Dave Gavitt, and the team's general manager, Jan Volk.

The paper said it had learned from a source that Lewis appeared to have "focal cardiomyopathy," a condition that damages an area of heart tissue and can cause it to beat irregularly. The unidentified source described the implica-tions of the disease as "very, very complicated."

during Thursday night's game. Further tests are required over the next several weeks to determine the proper method of treatment." Lewis, 27, had been told that he could not

take further part in the NBA playoffs. It was not known whether his condition was in any way life-threatening. Dr. Scheller was managing Lewis's care and,

with Dr. Thomas Nessa, a cardiologist at New England Baptist, had formed an advisory committee of 12 specialists to monitor Lewis. Lewis, his wife, and Kaye left Lewis's room

in the cardiac ward at New England Baptist and went out a back entrance, the Globe reported.

malities have been identified, that are likely to have contributed to his loss of consciousness dons."

fine," adding, "he's going home." Lewis and his friend not into a Brigham and Women's vehicle. His wife and Kaye went out the front door and left in the Lewises' car, the

Rattray had said be did not know if Lewis's

Lewis, who was averaging 20.8 points per game, collapsed during the opener against the Charlotte Hornets and was admitted to the

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The Wild Blue Yonder

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base in Blighty, England. Several figures shrouded in foe are on the tarmac peering

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the pilots. We Buchwald find out that his girlfriend, Captain Ava Gardner, is out there leading a jet fighter squadron.

How can you send a kid up in a crate like that?" Wayne yells at Gregory Peck, who is the commanding general of the base. "She's not a kid." says Peck.

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to fly before she was entitled to go home. If anything happens to her, I'll never forgive you," Wayne

At this moment, First Lieutenant Kirk Douglas comes into the control tower. He has a Band-Aid over

Peck says, "Douglas, this was your flight. Why did you let Gardner have it?"

"I didn't let her," Douglas pro-tests. "I was climbing into my plane when she grabbed my parachute and said, 'I'm taking this flight, Kirk. My sister was shot down over Bosnia and I want to pay the Serbs

Douglas continues, "I told her, 'No way. You have malaria, and you've been grounded.' The next thing I knew Gardner swung at me and knocked me out. Then she took my plane."

Wayne says, "That sounds like Ava. I'm worried I gave her a negligee from Victoria's Secret to wear around her oeck for good luck, and I found it left behind in her room. General, do you think the weather will dear up?

I don't know. I haven't seen anything like this since air force women pilots could only fly Piper

Douglas says, "If anyone cao bring her bird back, it's Gardner. I saw Ava in the officers club last night and sbe drank three bomber pilots under the table."

As the men are talking, we hear the drone of airplanes.
"They're coming." Douglas

Peck couots, "One, two, three, four five --- one of our planes is Over the loudspeaker . wa's

voice is clearly heard. "This is Gender One. I seem to have a slight problem. I've lost one wing, my flaps won't go down, and I have only a quart of fuel left. But I'm going to try to make the run-

way anyhow."
"Jump, Ava!" Wayne cries. "Do
it for our children."

Singing "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition." Ava lands the crippled plane. As the fire truck pulls up, she walks into John Wayne's arms. The film ends as Peck and Douglas stand at atten-tion and salute her.

Forecast for Wednesday through Friday

Even Opera Caught in Italy's Maelstrom

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

G ENOA, Italy — "Teatro Carlo Fe-lice, per favore" said the visitor. "Ah," replied the taxi driver, "Teatro Carlo infelice." By which he meant that the fortunes of Genoa's handsome new opera

house were more unhappy than otherwise. These are not happy times for Italy as a whole, burdened by a faltering economy, a devalued currency and a scandal-ridden political system. And they are not happy times for the performing art by which the country is best known, grand opers. A recent 10-day journey, sampling standard repertory performances and talking to Italian opera administrators and cultural politicians, exposed a system under severe

In Rome, mostly good singers stumbled like zombies through a tired production of Verdi's "Trovatore" already seen in three other cities; a brand-new production was unthinkable economically, and venture-some stage direction clashes with the conservative-populist ethos that increasingly afflicts traiian opera. Io Naples's gorgeous Teatro San Carlo, a reasonably handsome production of Gounod's "Faust" was saddled with mostly indifferent singers; the best ones were no doubt singing in other countries, for higher fees.

The Teatro alla Scala in Milan, which as Italy's best-subsidized company, can still afford top talent, offered a peculiarly matched double bill of Suravinsky's ballet "The Fairy's Kiss" and Leoncavallo's potboiler opera "Pagliacci" in a I2-year-old Franco Zeffirelli productioo from which Luciano Pavarotti had withdrawn at short notice. At least Genoa had a decent, conservative staging of Puccini's "Turandot." with solidly second-tier singing.

The decline in operatic standards in Italian opera today recently outraged Luciano Berio, about the only contemporary Italian composer admired by both critics and the public. His wrath recalled his old ally Pierre Boulez's suggestion 30 years ago that opera houses he bombed out of their misery.

"There is total corruption, political corruption." Berio said in a radio interview, dismissing most opera administrators as

"Except for a few theaters, such as Florence. Bologna and naturally La Scala, nothing works," he added. "And there are too many of them; at least half should be closed down.

Of course, life goes on in Italy, as elegantly and sensuously as ever, and it would be inconceivable that operatic performance in some form will not survive there. What frustrates Italian opera lovers is that beyond the seemingly inherent Ital-



ian predilection to improvise, a whole new set of problems has undercut the quality of operatic performance in Italy,

The problems start with money and the annual reduction in state support for the 12 national theaters, which receive between 60 and 70 percent of their income from Rome. Overall state support, crippled by the worldwide recession, has fallen more than 10 percent in the last four years. in addition, the lira has declined more than 40 percent in relation to other correncies. That makes payments to foreign art-

ists and tours much more expensive. Money is not only in short supply; sub-sidies are reduced abruptly after long-range plans have been made, forcing comto abandon commitments made years before. Such cuts almost have to be made with glamorous visiting artists and expensive new productions, which define a theater's image. Basic salaries of employed personnel, insured by politically pow unions and sometimes exceeding the theater's total subsidy, are fixed.

Lorenzo Ferrero, a composer and the artistic director in Verona, said that an opera company can be economically important to a city, and hence take on political importance for that very reason.

"A relatively small town like Verona has a big theater, with up to 1,500 employees in the summer," he said. "That makes it a big political fact. The workers of the theater are too well paid and work too little. This is the reason the theaters cost so much and produce so little. If we go on this way, the theaters will exist only to pay salaries and not to make opera."

Undercutting the financial woes is a pervasive climate of corruption and political interference, in which administrators are granted their posts as political plums and often know little about the art form they are supposed to administer. This systern is now under attack by the "clean hands" reformers, but without any clear way to reform it.

In a referendum on April 18 and 19, Italians approved eight reforms, including the abolition of the Ministry of Tourism, since the various regions wish to control tourism themselves. That ministry also administers the national theater subsidies as part of its support for the performing arts. (Another ministry handles museums and historical sites.) The Tourism Ministry must be abolished by mid-June, and no one knows what will replace it.

Even La Scala came close to crisis recently. Carlo Foutana, the theater's administrative director, was almost forced from office by the theater's unions, which opposed his attempts at managerial con-

In Venice, John Fisher, a Scot, resigned as artistic director of the Teatro la Fenice under pressure from the unions. His successor, Mario Messinis, resigned in a rage when the Socialist administrative director, Giantranco Pontei, imposed a populist artistic program.

But populism, meaning an emphasis on hoary repertory performed in stadiums or arenas and telecast to the masses, is hardly a Socialist monopoly. The administrator most scorned by opera professionals is Gian Paolo Cresci in Rome, who is a Christian Democrat. Cresci has run un a huge (\$26 million) deficit, mostly for backstage equipment, rugs for the lobbies and fancy uniforms for the ushers, and has now hired the 81-year-old Gian Carlo Menotti as his artistic director.

The basic structure of opera administra tion in Italy was established by a national law in 1967 that nearly everyone now agrees is in dire need of reform. The trouble is, so much in Italy needs reform that mere opera may have a long wait.

Among other problems, the law speci-lies the relation between regional administrations, which appoint the administrative director, and the political composition of each theater's board, which appoints the artistic director. Given the logrolling and division of spoils that characterize Italian life, the law has become a blueprint for corruption. If the mayor is of one party, the opera administrator must be of another and the artistic director of another.

"The law is defective and counterpro-ductive," said Francesco Ernani, director of the Carlo Felice in Genoa.

The opera administrators differed as to the effect of the referendum. Cresci, wide-ity perceived as a purely political appoin-tee, suggested that regional control of the theaters would be more directly democratic and hence less political. The others felt that a centralized subsidy system, with a minister to whom the theaters could take their concerns, was still preferable.

For Ferrero in Verona, the key issue mains the need for a new law to regulate the musical life of Italy as a whole, including the theaters. "The old law says the theaters depend on the state; until they change the law, they can't give the theaters to the regions," he said. "Now, the whole system is finished, or seems to be finished. Things are lalling apart, but it is not yet possible to see a way to clean the mess up. Without a new law, there are not the instruments, the tools to really change **PEOPLE**

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Donald Trump is suing Interior Secretary Brace Babbitt and the chairman of the Nauonal Indian Garning Commission, claiming In-dian tribes are given preferential treatment in the granting of casino licenses. The lawsuit is oot seeking to ban Indian gambling, but rather that states be granted the power to accept or reject Indian gambling operations within their borders. Trump also settled the money disputes that have kept him and his former wife Ivana in court since they divorced in 1991. "We can go on with our lives," Trump said. "it's great."

Now frail, Bob Hope is hard at work preparing a three-hour show on NBC on May 14, "Bob Hope, the First 90 Years," which will include many stars along with appearances by Richard Nixon, Gerald R. Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton. Asked if comedians were, as a rule, innately angry people, he replied: "Angry "I'm not an angry fellow, am I"

The Kennedy family may be selling the oceanfront Palm Beach. Florida, estate where a sexual encounter led to the trial in which William Kennedy Smith was acquitted of rape. Newsweek cited an unidentified source who said it may go for \$3.6 million.

The British supermodel Naomi Campbell, 23, said she is engaged to be married to Adam Clayton, a bass guitar player with Irish rock group U2. Princess Margaret's 31-year-old son Viscount Linley, a furniture designer, is to marry Serena Stanhope, 23, daughter of Viscount

Snapshots of Marilyn Monroe that had been buried in a backyard for more than 20 years have been recovered and published in an elaborate \$600 book. The publishers Lincoln Mint said it bought the rights to the photos for \$3 million from the estate of the portrait pho-tographer Andres de Dienes, a friend of Monroe.

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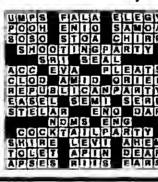
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1982 best-seller, "Indecent Expogure: A True Story of Hollywood As McChnick reports, in the marter people that the old ap-

fiscating whatever drugs and cash he had with him — was having little effect on the drug scourge, no maiter how astronomical the statistics of arrest and scizure."

Federal attention should turn, so to speak, "from the \$25,000 in cash in the trunk of the dealer's BMW to the \$5 million that had been deposited in the Miami bank account under the phony corporate oame" and later laundered abroad. To get at the bigger fish in the

drug trade, enforcers would somehow have "to infiltrate the targeted crime families and the banks that were servicing them" and deprive

them of their assets. One such campaign was conceived to 1981 by a resourceful ate 1970s, "it became clear to the agent with the Drug Enforcement marter people that the old ap- Administration in Miami, whose plan it was to set up a dummy

der the huge sums of money these drug families handled. It was this agent's good luck to

recruit as a spy one Robert Darias, a highly resourceful Cuban emigré and a veteran of the Bay of Pigs invasionwho was trained by the CIA. After going into Miami real estate, he fell afoul of the IRS and oow wanted to redeem his honor and clear up his debts. The undercover campaign for which the drug agency recruited him was Operation Swordfish,

lo painstaking detail, McClintick's book describes the operation mainly through the eyes of Darias, who had the foresight to tape-record virtually every relevant cooversation he held and later made these recordings available to the author. We learn how Darias met and won the trust of drug operators Farresting the street dealer and con- company that would offer to laun- in Miami, who began to hand over

millions of dollars to the dummy DEA corporation. Most spectacular of the opera-

tors was Marlene Navarro, a remarkable woman who claimed to be raising money to help a Colombian industrialist ransom his three kidnapped children. The industrialist turned out to be Carlos Jader Alvarez, a leading member of the Colombian cocaine malia for whom Navarro was acting as chief American financier.

By cultivating and winning the trust of the sophisticated, well-educated and multilingual Darias developed a circle of money-launder-ing contacts that spread even to Juvenal Betancur, the brother of Colombia's president at the time, Belisario Betancur.

The evidence that Darias provided to the DEA eventually allowed it to petitioo successfully for a wire

tap on Navarro, which in turn provided McClintick with more major criminal convictions, includmasses of raw material for his ing that of Navarro, who is now in

Was the strategy of infiltration successful? To a degree, yes. Dar-WHAT THEY'RE READING

 Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, is reading two books, "Italian Renaissance in Its Histori-cal Background" by Denys Hay, and "Italian Labyrinth" by John Haurrel! Haycraft. His choice of books is "related to

better informing myself for my next holiday — if I ever get one."

(Kevin Murphy, IHT).



pling the drug trade went unful-filled. Operation Swordfish in no way slowed the growth of drug prison, and the DEA was able to smuggling in the 1980s. Worse, Operation Swordfish pro-

voked so much bureaucratic wran-gling among the agencies involved in drug enforcement that its effectiveoess was seriously compromised. Government personnel acted like so many Keystone Kops, all the way up to Attorney General William French Smith, who anocunced the triumph of Operation Swordfish before any arrests bad

been made. Worst of all, Robert Darias was sadly mistreated, at least as McClintick tells it. The people in charge of him squabbled so fiercely over taking credit for his success that he ended up having to run his bandlers for a time. He never got the rewards he had

the IRS were oever cleared up. The primary message conveyed by McClintick's book is that anyone who agrees to spy for the DEA is

making a big mistake.

Does McClintick therefore cooclude that the war against drugs is unwinnable and that drugs ought perhaps to be legalized? In no way. As it turns out, the point of "Swordfish" is not at all to debate the merits of the war against drugs or to raise the possibility of legal-

While it is an important aim of law to reduce crime, the author concludes, "we also enact and en-force these laws because they affirm and protect our values as a civilized people."

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